

**Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTAs Meeting
Wednesday October 7, 2015
Howe Elementary
Minutes**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance—The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. There were 19 people in attendance.

Approval of Minutes—Julie Maselko
The minutes from the September 9, 2015 meeting were presented and approved as written.

Treasurers Report—Melissa Bailey

- Reminder to send some portion by October 15th to remain a member in good standing.
- Financial Statements were provided.
- All Audit Binders need to be returned to the Council treasurer.

Correspondence—Chantelle Moore

- None to Report

Executive Committee Reports

President's Report-- Julie Maselko

- Thank you to Howe Elementary, Dr. Murray and Nikki Bovino for hosting the meeting.
- Hopefully everyone has been receiving the PTA Monthly Mailings.
- Each unit needs to update their Bylaws.
- At the moment, there is still no Council Reflections Chair. Submissions will not move on to Region without a chair.
- PTA Convention is scheduled for April 15-17 in Lehigh Valley.
- Brain Show scheduled for November 10th at 7:00 pm.
- Georgia Pogue—no original documents have been found so far. Council PTA may have to develop new documents going forward.
- Reminder that no personal politics through PTA.

3rd V.P. Report/Superintendent—Dr. Steinhauer

- High School Unit principals—Natasha Dirda and Joe Thompson
- New standards based report cards at the Elementary level.
- Letter sent out explaining the PSSA's new testing/standards. Cannot compare scores to previous years.
- The PSSA's are required to be given by law. If a multitude of people opt out it would affect scores, negatively impact teacher/staff evaluations, which then would impact funding.

Standing Committee Reports

Parent Education—Lisa Silverman

- “It takes a Village...How supportive is yours” a panel discussion led by Wellness coach Laura Crooks. It will take place in the Fine Arts Theater from 7-9 pm on October 22nd. All are encouraged to attend.

Community Liaisons

School Board—Larry Lebowitz

- School Board is going extremely well. Very cohesive group of people on the Board.
- Dedication of the new High School Building on October 11th at 2 pm. Short comments and then tours of the building.
- Lingering issue is C Building continued demolition. Land will eventually be graded and tennis courts added.
- During the last 2 meetings they were able to refinance the bonds and save \$4 million. Going to use \$2.5-3M to spend on capital projects. Remainder of money will be for a reduction in milage, tax relief for the next couple of years.
- Cool air for elementary schools will cost about \$5 M per building.
- Elections are coming up next month for Larry, Elaine, Bill. Encouraged everyone to get out and vote.
- Review of Capital Campaign—2 components are Direct on-going needs (capital) and Endowment. The goal of the capital campaign is to bridge the gap between expenditures and revenue that is needed to maintain excellence.

Outreach—Mary Birks

- Article in the most recent Mt. Lebanon magazine from perspective of the clients.
- Every 3rd Saturday of the month there is a class about “Choices”.
- As a Mt. Lebanon resident you can have a meeting/consultation for free. Even if your child will not come in, you can schedule a meeting for yourself to discuss how you can better help your child.
- Purse Bash is November 6th at the fire hall in Bridgeville. There will be 10 purses and 9 cash prizes. Also lots of baskets, etc. Only 320 tickets will be sold.
- Outreach will participate in the Pittsburgh Marathon as “run for a reason” charity.
- Christine Hoffsetter of Outreach spent time with 45 officers over a 3-day period helping to find ways to approach teens differently.
- Outreach will have booths at the Dormont Street Fair and the Halloween Parade.

Library—Laurie Schultz

- Cynthia Ritchie is retiring.
- Kids are behaving well after school this year.
- Maker Space open sessions will be every day after school beginning at the end of October.
- Flyers were available for kids and adults events.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Changes proposed to the Standing Rules presented by Jodi Kubit. Lisa Silverman made a motion to accept Standing Rule changes. Motion seconded. All in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

Unit Presidents Announcements

- None

Next meeting November 4, 2015 at Jefferson Elementary.

Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Submitted by: Chantelle Moore, Secretary

Approved: _____