

**MHES Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.**

**Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

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**Location: [Zoom](#)**

<https://zoom.us/j/92134725465?pwd=pc5VJXPKHGnyS3PaF4oq3dR6mmhS0a.1>

## **Action Items**

- If you have questions or would like to get involved in any capacity, please email [medfieldheightspto@gmail.com](mailto:medfieldheightspto@gmail.com)
- Register to volunteer at the Book Fair Feb 24-28 : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C44A9A62DA6F58-54918101-book#/>
- Contact [your legislators](#) about the importance of fully funding our schools.
- We are looking for people to lead craft tables for Medfest May 3rd. For next school year we are also looking for a Restaurant Night Coordinator next year, Grants Committee and Service Committee chair person.
- Megan and Desiree will help with getting bags donated at bingo night and/or Mercari
- Parents should contact HR parent if you'd like to be a guest reader (spots are limited)
- Parents who want to do (or can recommend) a free movement event should contact [medfieldheightspto@gmail.com](mailto:medfieldheightspto@gmail.com)
- Ms. Lili offered to record a PIE training for district employees and other volunteers who want to be guest readers or volunteer in another capacity at MHES. Registering for this can help us demonstrate how many additional hours Ms. Lili helps to facilitate.
- Fundraising committee will meet with Ms. Chiavacci to plan Read-a-thon.

## **Upcoming Events/Dates**

Come to our **Feb Movement event 2/22 @2PM @MHES gym** with Wayne McFadden, personal trainer

BCPSS Pre-K registration starts March 3rd.

Attend **March 4th Community Budget Forum at 6PM** at the school.

Come to the next PTO Mtg **March 14th at 6PM** ([Hybrid](#))


Come to **Clark Burger Restaurant Night Fundraiser March 19th 4-Close**

Support the school at **Bingo Night March 27th 6-7:30PM** (not a PTO event)

-  Fundraisers and Financial Asks 24-25 (updated)
-  SY 24-25 Volunteer Opportunities (updated)

# Agenda

## I. Welcome and Introductions- Megan

- Sign in here: <https://forms.gle/dmW25mRk5hoCfTMz9>
- Bylaws:  MHES\_PTO\_Bylaws.pdf (click)

## II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes- Suzanne

-  January 9, 2025 PTO Minutes Minutes. The minutes were approved.

## III. Treasurer's Report and Grant Update- Desiree

- Review of the previous month's financial transactions
  - Online donations-\$184
  - Nepenthe- \$329
  - Hula Hoop Movement Event 15 families attended and raised \$125 (\$73 in cash)
  - Giftcards-spent about \$2,000
- Discussion of any financial concerns or questions

Successfully administered about \$2,000 of gift cards. Reduced some petty cash because we are not doing on-site event requiring it. This spending was in lieu of what PTO would have spent on paper in the spring that was not needed this year.

Nepenthe night raised \$329. Hula Hoop event raised about \$125. Online revenue was \$184. Spent about \$6,000 this far supporting the school and have made about the same amount with event fundraiser and online fundraisers. Thank you to all partners for stepping up and doing what needed to be done to raise everything we needed for the holiday drive so PTO did not need to pull resources from our reserve.

Desiree reported that there is about \$4,900 in bank account.

## V. Committee Updates- Various

- **Homeroom Parents- Megan**
  - Guest reader initiative-Home room parents will be inviting parents to be guest readers. Slots are limited. March 6th or another date coming in April. Can sign up through PIE system to volunteer. Maggie said that she signed up and indicated that she wanted to get notifications of future volunteer opportunities at MHES. (We also do sign-up geniuses at MHES) Ms. Lili will record a PIE training and post it online.
  - Bingo baskets- Bingo Night will be 4/27 from 6-7:30PM. PTO offered to contribute bags if theme appropriate.

- **Fundraising Committee- Various**
  - Read-a-thon- Will go with same platform as fun run for read-a-thon for 2-3 weeks in the spring. Will end right before spring break. Ms. Dugan is on-board.
  - [Mabel's Label's](#) - could be a good resource for families sending their kids to summer camp. We will put info on facebook and community newsletters. Megan ordered 500 flyers to share with students.
  - Monthly Movement update- February 22 at 2PM with personal trainer Wayne McFadden at MHES
  - Request for movement leaders- Ms. Kia from ALU will do a zumba movement event at the end of March (date and time TBD)
- **Restaurant Update- Megan**
  - In need of interested people to shadow outgoing coordinator
  - Future Events – see new biz/upcoming events
- **Book Fair- Vanessa**
  - Upcoming book fair– still need volunteers, esp. after school slots especially Tuesday 2/25. We will send another email out.:
    - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C44A9A62DA6F58-54918101-boo k#/>

## VI. Old Business- Suzanne

- Events-
  - Nepenthe 1/16 -Raised \$329 went well
  - Monthly Movement 1/25- 15 families, raised \$125
  - Clark Burger 2/12 4- need to reschedule due to snow
- Gave 47 staff members each a \$50 giftcard to Target! Glad we were able to get

## VII. New Business- Megan

- New Partnership- [Roland Park Orthodontics](#) will participate in career day and support PTO events. Will donate healthy snacks to movement events. Will donate a basket for BINGO night. Will also contribute to Teacher Appreciation events in May.
- Upcoming Events-
  - 2/22 at 2 Movement- Family Game Time with RVN Box
  - Winter Book Fair- end of February. Thank you
  - Clark Burger- 4 to close March 19
  - Bingo (not PTO)- March 27
- Fundraisers to look forward to:
  - Read-a-Thon- April
  - Square One Art Fundraiser- April
  - Medfest- May 3- small craft fair (4-6 tables) The PTO benefits from this event and also needs to pay for a police officer for the event. Are considering hosting a craft fair to raise funds to cover that cost. One table can be for teachers. Cathy will gauge interest in next staff bulletin.
  - Taharka- May (date may shift)

- New Committee during Q3 and Q4:
  - Service- looking for chairperson
- Grants Committee-Over the next few years, the concentration of poverty grant may go away which will adversely impact our school. We want to look at how the PTO can supplement and minimize the impact of anticipated budget cuts. We are looking for different small grants to target enrichment and arts programming. Vanessa D offered to help.

### VIII. Principal's/Staff Report- Administration

- Updates on school activities, programs, or challenges

Ms. Chiavacci said the playground shade structure and swings will be installed over spring break. They will also fix the playground base and gaga pit and maybe install a basketball hoop over spring break too. This was funded by the Fun Run and Fund for Educational Excellence. Thank you!

Ms. Chiavacci said the biggest thing on her mind is the budget. MHES lost \$100K for a teacher. The money that is in the budget cannot cover our current staffing model. Ms. Chiavacci encouraged families to tune in to a Community Budget Forum March 4th at 6PM via zoom or call 1 443-961-1488 PIN-331105352#. We will have Ms. Lili next year. Families should be reaching out to the state general assembly representatives about funding for our schools.

It is important to know that PTO funds and grant funds cannot be used to fund staff.

Contact legislators to express the importance of fully funding our schools. ([Find your legislators](#))

### X. Open Forum

- Time for general discussion and questions from attendees

Stefan Redding Lallinger, a parent at MHES and school board member introduced himself and encouraged anyone with feedback for the district school board to contact him at SLLallinger@bcps.k12.md.us.

### XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:27PM.

- Next meeting:

Thursday, March 14	6pm	Hybrid	<a href="#">Zoom</a> or in the Community room at school
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