



MCE PTSA Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2025

MCE Cafeteria

Attendance: Christina Burdett, Maggie Giannattasio, Ashley Higgins, Rich Albano, Michelle Cavigliano, Michelle Mendick, Marychris Arcuri, Keri Serafin, Shruthi Ram, Harrison Lewis (student council), and Ellington Morrison (student council)

1. WELCOME and CALL TO ORDER – 9:15 a.m.

a. Principal Welcome

- i. Breakfast and Lunch Update: There is still a line for lunch, but generally kids have enough time to eat now. The line is getting more efficient for breakfast in the cafeteria. Teachers are reporting that they are able to get their day started earlier now.
- ii. Transportation: Situation has improved from last month. Most buses are arriving by 8:30. School is now dismissing students from the bus by oldest to youngest, so the faster kids get moving sooner. Still 2-3 minutes behind at the end of the day, but significantly better than the beginning of the year.
- iii. Conference Day on Monday 10/20 will focus on three main things:
 1. AI and impact on different grade levels (for both students and teachers). This has less of an impact for students in elementary schools.
 2. Review of Reunification Training. This is a large scale program of the plan to reunite families if an evacuation is needed. Review what is needed at the school and district level (transportation to take students from MCE to another location/district level reunification teams to assist with reconnecting families.
 3. Review of new Amplify Math program. Teacher feedback so far is positive.
- iv. Late buses start this week for Chorus and Band programs.

2. DISTRICT NEWS

- a. Super Sale- November 3-10

- i. Volunteers needed for this fundraising event. Sign up at:
<https://www.cognitofirms.com/PittsfordPTSA/PittsfordPTSA SuperSaleVolunteers20252>
 - b. Parent Social
 - i. Event was a huge success. Estimated funds raised to match what Super Sale brings in typically.
 - ii. Online silent auction raised over 10K.
 - iii. Possibility of switching each year between the Super Sale and Parent Social. Ongoing discussion at the district level.
 - c. Membership
 - i. Membership is down overall throughout the district. You can join at <https://www.pittsfordptsanet/>.
- 3. BUSINESS ITEMS
 - a. Approval of September Minutes
 - i. Michelle Cavigliano motions; seconded by Michelle Mendick.
 - b. 2025-26 MCE PTSA Budget amendment
 - i. Christina Burdett motions; seconded by Michelle Mendick. Unanimous vote in favor.
 - c. Open committee positions for 2025-26
 - i. Highlighted openings for Running Feet; supply kit shadow; Square 1 Art, and MCENews. Contact mcepts@gmail.com with questions.
- 4. COMMITTEE UPDATES
 - a. Welcome Back Picnic
 - i. Successful night. Delivering popcorn at the end resulted in less clean up.
 - b. After School Enrichment (ASE)
 - i. The program started last week and is going well.
 - ii. New dance program waiting for approval. Once we have it, registration will open separately for this.
 - c. Friendship Lists
 - i. Final friendship lists were sent 10/13
 - ii. Lists will be updated if a new student joins the class.
 - d. Book Fair/Share the Fair
 - i. Flyers for both were sent home last week.
 - ii. Proceeds from Share the Fair will go to HBCCC
 - iii. One teacher remains to sign up; then volunteer opportunities will be sent home to parents.
 - iv. Michelle Mendick will co-chair next year.
 - e. Square One Art
 - i. Finishing up next week and shipping out projects to Square 1
 - ii. All proceeds will go to the art dept.
 - iii. November will be when you can order, back in time for the holiday
 - iv. Different than other schools, our art teachers use multiple classes to create art projects
 - f. Turkey Trot
 - i. Monday before Thanksgiving 11/24
 - ii. For 3-5 grades
 - iii. PTSA providing volunteers, water bottles and granola bars
 - g. Yearbook

- i. Deadline in January
 - ii. All photography slots are full
 - iii. New this year: students will be able to submit drawings for a possible cover or clipart.
- h. Celebrate with a Book
 - i. Orders coming through
 - ii. Purchases will be made from Book Culture again
 - iii. Flyers went out last week
- i. Parents on the Playground (POP)
 - i. Schedule is out and parents are signing up
- j. Running Feet
 - i. Mr. Albano offered to send an eblast to school to promote need for a co-chair
 - ii. Lower grade levels more active than upper classmen
- k. STEM Day
 - i. March this year for grades 4-5
 - ii. Christina Burdett will reach out to get committee rolling

****Next PTSA Meeting will be on Thursday, November 13th at 6:30 p.m. - MCE Cafeteria****