

MSL PTSA Minutes

1/20/21, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Present: **Ms. L. Banks, Ms. M. Franco-Banaszak, Ms. Friestad, Ms. D. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Parish, Ms. P. Gende, Ms. S. Borges**

Minutes from 1/20/21 were approved .

1. Treasurer's Report: Ms. Friestad created MemberHub. Lots of local gift cards were placed on there. Ms. Borges provided feedback on ease of use. When a credit card is used, the funds go right to MSL's PTSA account. This interface allows ease of payment with the state. Current balance, \$4,555.89.
2. Wishlist: Ms. Banks put it together. Ms. Franco will send it out to the teachers. Anyone who needs school supplies for students, for example, then this is one option. Gift cards are another example. One way for teachers to think about incentivizing students to attend class. Ms. Banks will add more to the link. Sign-up.com is being used. Ms. Banks will work on creating an explanation of how the Wishlist works so that Ms. Franco can send it out with information so that staff knows how to use the Wishlist.
3. School board meeting is next week Tuesday. Information is posted so that stakeholders know the outcome of any board meeting where they vote so that they are aware of the outcome of the vote.
4. Ms. Franco - Leaders Igniting Change (Yani): Ms. Franco would be happy to put anyone who wants to know more about LIT in contact with Yani. Parent/student education events are in the works to address some of the issues that families/students are facing (e.g., global, national, and local events such as, school to prison pipeline and racial disparity). Forum format. Yani is a part of this preparation work and she has a focus on helping students develop their voice and address the public. February is the next focus date. MSL has a LIT chapter that has been running. Attendance is picking up through the virtual platform.
5. How to get more students to attend these meetings? MemberHub will help. Ms. Friestad is going to write a blurb about PTSA. She will send it to Dr. Baez along with the blurb and he will post it to the MSL PTSA page/school website. Ms. Franco will also send information out to teachers.
6. More on Memberhub: Mr. Parish suggested getting more food cards for families (e.g., grocery, restaurant). Janet will continue to add more cards to diversify options. He also suggested getting a hawk logo onto MemberHub. Ms. Franco and Ms. Friestad are working together to get clipart from Dr. Baez. Ms. Friestad is going to keep updating MemberHub to make it more and more what it could be. We thank her for all her efforts. She encourages us to promote it well. Mr. Parish also updated us on the Stone Creek coffee donation: once school is approved, coffee is shipped out. We would order one bag of grounds per staff member, they drop it off, and staff would be invited to pick it up. Dr. Baez is to receive notification so that he can approve this donation.

The next meeting is February 17, 2021. Ms. Banks will create a new meeting link and get that posted soon.