

MCE PTSA Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2026

MCE Cafeteria

Attendance: Maggie Giannattasio, Christina Burdett, Courtney Weiss, Richard Albano, Ashley Higgins, Mary Foster, John Pizzutelli, Kristen Hans, Harrison Lewis, Angela Schmale, Shruthi Ram

Called to Order: 9:15

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Principal Welcome, Richard Albano
 - i. 1st Staff Coffee Cart surprise was a success at faculty meeting
 - ii. MCE now has solar panels as part of the district's Sustainability Effort, completed with funding from NYS to make the building more environmentally friendly and energy efficient
 - iii. Principal's books Our School is a Family and Our Class is a Family will be read by Mr. Albano in classrooms to promote a kind, caring environment
 - iv. Caring Kids Cards starts this Friday, 1/16/26. Students can nominate fellow classmates to be recognized for kindness, caring and inclusion.
- b. Teacher Representative, Ashley Higgins
 - i. 5th Grade PTSA grade level funds will help Battle of the Books continue this year
 - ii. Inquired about Tech Wipes for teacher classrooms, PTSA waiting to hear back from financial rep and will update
 - iii. Other grades need to be encouraged to use the grade level funds available to them through PTSA. Mrs. Higgins and Mr. Albano will remind them of the available funds.

2. District News

- a. Honorary Lifetime Membership Award is open for nominations. Any community member who enriches the lives of PCSD youth may be nominated. Visit www.pittsfordptsanet.org/lifemembershipaward to learn more and to submit a nomination, due 2/13/26. Ceremony will be in April 2026.
- b. District PTSA will have open positions, including a Nominating Committee Chair, for the upcoming school year. More information will be in the upcoming district newsletter.
- c. Next District PTSA meeting will be held at MCE cafeteria 1/21/26 9am-10:30am

3. Business Items

- a. Approval of December meeting minutes, motion to approve John Pizzutelli, Kristen Hans second
- b. MCE is still in need of a building DEI Liaison. Time commitment is minimal. Please contact MCEPTSA@gmail.com if interested.

4. Committee Updates

- a. STEM Day: March 13th for 4th and 5th graders, committee is working on organizing presenter ideas and room usage logistics.
 - i. Questions regarding restarting Science Action for Kindergarten. John Pizzutelli and Angela Schmale will work on this, possibly doing pollinator seed project as done previously.
 - ii. Questions regarding Science opportunities for grades 2 & 3. PTSA has been brainstorming and will circle back on this idea.
- b. After School Enrichment: Registration opens this Sunday, 1/18/26. Programs begin 2/23/26.
 - i. New dance class and Science Explorers Club, along with some of the same programs previously offered.
 - ii. Still in need of a Lego Club Liason. Contact MCEPTSA@gmail.com if interested
- c. Stride and Shine:
 - i. Will be on 5/8/26
 - ii. Call for volunteers will go out soon with first committee meeting being in early March with plan to kick off at school after spring break.
- d. 5th Grade Moving up Ceremony:
 - i. 6/22/26
 - ii. Call for volunteers will go out, planning going along well
- e. Square One Art:
 - i. Earned \$3650 for the art department, next year's dates already set
- f. Yearbook:
 - i. Final call for orders. www.Yearbookforever.com Contact Maureen Morse or PTSA with questions
- g. Celebrate with a Book:
 - i. 27 orders so far this year
- h. Spirit Wear:
 - i. Information on Spring Sale will be coming soon

5. New Business:

- a. Next PTSA meeting will be 2/10/26 at 9:15am in the cafeteria

Adjourned: Motion to adjourn 10:00am