



## MCE PTSA Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2025  
MCE Cafeteria

Attendance: Christina Burdett, Maggie Giannattasio, Courtney Weiss, Rich Albano, Michelle Cavigliano, Marychris Arcuri, Julia Zhang, Mandy McLaughlin, Katie Dicks, Elizabeth Saint-Joy, Emily Kay, Kristen Hans, John Pizzutelli, Daw Han, Angela Schmale, Kyle Suva, Deanna Varble, Maureen Morse, Michelle Mendick, Sara Sullivan, Jaclyn Rivington, Megan Williams

### I. Welcome and Call to Order: 9:15 am

#### A. Principal Welcome, Rich Albano

1. Transportation Department is in transition
  - a. 1/3 new bus drivers at MCE. Patience is appreciated. Arrival and dismissal times will improve.
2. New Universal Meals are going well
  - a. For breakfast, grades 3-5 go down to cafeteria to “grab and go” in the morning, 2nd graders will eventually be allowed to do this as well. K-2 goes down with an adult.
3. New Amplified Math Curriculum being utilized school wide
  - a. A district wide math curriculum which was piloted last year will improve consistency amongst all Pittsford schools
4. Back to School Picnic
  - a. Join us Wednesday, September 17, 5:30-7pm on the MCE playground and blacktop. \$15 includes pizza and water for the whole family, plus one bag of kettle corn for each family to take home. See recent email or Parents of Mendon Center Elementary School Facebook page to register.
5. Annual Back to School Assembly (students and staff only) tentatively scheduled for 9/19, weather dependent
  - a. Students wear grade level color for drone photo/ annual school message
6. Lunch calendars with school day number listed no longer being printed and sent home
  - a. Lunch menu available on the website, School Day numbers listed on district calendar

#### B. Introductions:

1. Maggie Giannattasio and Christina Burdett, PTSA president co-chairs, Courtney Weiss, secretary, Christina Koh, treasurer (not present), Megan Williams, District PTSA

president, Kristen Hans, District PTSA representative

## II. District News:

### C. PTSA is hosting the first ever parent social fundraiser

1. Thursday October 9th, 6-9pm at 20 Deep Winery
  - a. \$35 per ticket, all funding goes back to the district to support enrichment grants, clubs and field trips
  - b. Silent Auction will be available at the event and also online
  - c. Purchase tickets and/or get more information at [www.pittsfordptsanet.org/parentsocial](http://www.pittsfordptsanet.org/parentsocial)
2. District Super Sale will be November 3-November 10th at Nazareth's Golisano Training Center
  - a. Volunteer, donate, shop
  - b. More information can be found at [pittsfordptsanet.org/super-sale](http://pittsfordptsanet.org/super-sale)

D. Next District PTSA meeting Tuesday 10/1 at 9am at BRMS district office

E. Please join the PTSA. This needs to be done annually. Visit [pittsfordptsanet.org](http://pittsfordptsanet.org) to join

## III. Business Items:

### F. Budget updates for 2025-2026

1. New event last year, Stride and Shine, added \$13,000
2. New this year, 100% of profit from Square One Art fundraiser will go back to art teachers to purchase additional supplies not covered by the district
3. Added Learning Enhancement budget line for each grade level with \$1000 per grade level available annually
4. Increased available funds for STEM Day to \$2000
5. Increased Science Action budget
6. Yearbook increase due to success of last year's sales
7. Proposed increase for teacher appreciation and hospitality- must stay within 5-10% of overall budget
8. Motion to approve budget by Elizabeth Saint-Joy, all in favor

### G. Open Committee Positions for 2025-2026

1. Help needed for the following committees: running feet co-chair, square 1 art co-chair, MCE eNews co-editor, DEI liaison and supply kit shadow
  - a. Please reach out to Christina Burdett or Maggie Giannattasio at [mceptsa@gmail.com](mailto:mceptsa@gmail.com) if you're interested in volunteering for one of these positions

## IV: Committee Updates:

### H. Welcome Back Picnic:

1. Join us Wednesday, September 17, 5:30-7pm on the MCE playground and blacktop. \$15 includes pizza and water for the whole family, plus one bag of kettle corn for each family to take home. DJ Stu will be rocking playground jams while students have a blast playing with their friends. See recent email sent to register.

### I. After School Enrichment:

1. Information will be coming home soon. Registration opens 9/21 and families have one week to register
2. Visit [mce.pittsfordptsanet.org/after-school-enrichment](http://mce.pittsfordptsanet.org/after-school-enrichment) for details

### J. Friendship Lists/ Online Directory:

1. Please add or update your family contact information by 9/22 to be included in

classroom friendship lists. These can be used to contact parents outside of school to organize playdates, birthday parties, etc.

2 Go to: <https://mceptsa.membershiptoolkit.com/> to sign up or update information

K. School Pictures:

1. Scheduled for 10/8 and 10/9. Specific information with your child's date and time will come home soon. Volunteer sign up will be sent closer to the date

L. Square One Art Fundraiser:

1. Art teachers are already beginning art projects with the students. Different project per grade level. Every student will create art work which will be shipped to Square One Art by 10/23. In November families can then order a variety of items with their child's artwork on it. Free shipping and orders arrive in time for holidays. All proceeds directly benefit the MCE art department.

M. Book Fair:

1. October 27th-31st with family night on Wednesday 10/29 from 5-7. More information will be sent home soon. Many volunteers will be needed. Please consider volunteering when the time comes.

N. Yearbook:

1. Yearbook orders are available now through January. No yearbooks are for sale at the end of the year so please order early.

a. \$25 per yearbook, sales benefit the PTSA. To order visit [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) and enter school name

b. Parent photographer needed for the 3rd grade. Please contact [mceptsa@gmail.com](mailto:mceptsa@gmail.com) if interested.

O. Parents on the Playground:

1. Volunteers always needed. Short training required before 1st shift. Sign up information will be sent home soon.

P. Spirit Wear:

1. Orders previously placed will be delivered to Mendon Center by Monday, 9/15. These will go home in eldest child's backpack.

2. Additional Spirit Wear sale will happen in the spring.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn 10:13