



## McLean High School PTSA

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### General Membership Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. (McLean High School Cafeteria)

Attendees: Elizabeth El-Nattar, Savitha Parvataneni Sagar, Sue Ellen Beggs, Fernando Sabio, Sooa Kang Kwon, Connie Howell, Sandra P. Buteau, Oscar Hernandez, Alev Weidman, Shannon Suydam, Coby Wheeler, Tracy McCarley, Pamela Williams, Amy Kales, Ramsey El-Nattar, Levi Stockwell, Nader El-Farhan, Stephanie Pegues, Joseph Pegues, Elizabeth Ruhl, Carrie Le, Kate Carey

#### Call to Order:

The General Meeting of the McLean High School PTSA was called to order by the President, Elizabeth El-Nattar, at 7:00 p.m. in the MHS Cafeteria, and she confirmed that a quorum was present.

#### Review and Approval of Previous Minutes:

The minutes from the PTSA general meeting on September 13, 2022, were reviewed and approved as stated unanimously.

#### Welcome Remarks:

President Elizabeth El-Natter welcomed every participant, announcing that this meeting is the last PTSA General Meeting of 2022. She introduced Special Guest Ms. Elaine Tholen, a Dranesville District representative on the Fairfax County School Board for Today's Guest Speaker. She proceeded to introduce Dr. Ellen Reilly as Principal of McLean High School and Jenna Jablonski as Director of Student Services.

She thanked all members for their contributions and emphasized on the continuous support.

#### October and November Highlights:

The president thanked officers for their hard work and cooperative endeavors to promote MHS' educational environment for teachers, staff, students, and the community. She thanked all the vice presidents, Sue Ellen, Treasurer, Fernando Sabio, VP of Communication, Connie Sanabria-Howell, VP of Fundraising, Oscar Hernandez, President-Elect, Sooa Kang Kwon, Secretary, and Savitha Sagar, VP of Programs. She also emphasized Emma Blankenbacher for leading McLean Matters, Olivia Ma for Membership, Veronica Scozia for Hospitality, Nan Yang for eNews, and Kimberley Wells for Grants.

The President highlighted the importance of all members' participation. She presented PTSA's efforts to collaborate with students as well, engaging with the community. These efforts are shown via various successful events of Decorating cakes and Christmas Stockings for Second Story, a safe haven for homeless teens in crisis. She stressed out the power of participation.

#### Programs Update:

Also she encouraged parents and students to join us and participate in programs; The SPIRIT Program (designed and carried out by DOJ) will be on Dec 12th at the McLean Community Center), McLean Matters (Sign up for gift cards to help students in need during the holiday season), Student Service Act (assistance with After-School programs to allow students to earn Service Hours for monthly charity event), eNews Volunteer (Sign up to help with eNews team), and ANGP (Volunteering to help with All Night Grad Party).

#### Upcoming Events and Activities:

She proceeded to introduce upcoming events. She presented White House Christmas Ornament Sale and the Senior Graduate Yard Sign Sale to support the Senior Grad Party. .

#### Treasurer's Monthly Report:

Elizabeth presented the Treasurer's report due to our Treasurer having lost her voice. She provided an overview of YTD performance as of November 30, 2022. In the section of Funding, the expenditure reached 62%, \$43,720, out of the budget \$70,800. In Enrichment, with Grants Program, Science Enrichment, and School & Curriculum Support, a total of \$2, 310 was spent, reaching 8% out of the budget of \$30,300. The PTSA spending was \$7,226, or 19% of the total Community budget. In addition, she mentioned that for Operations, \$1,538 was expensed in total, reaching 43% of the whole budget of \$3,343.



She emphasized that in the latter part of the year, starting Jan. 2023, with grants and bigger scaled events such as ANGP the revenues are estimated to reach the planned expenditure successfully.

**Business Portion Adjournment:**

Elizabeth El-Nattar thanked every participant for attendance. The business portion of the meeting was concluded at 7:19 p.m. on December 5, 2022. She introduced a special guest speaker, Ms. Elaine Tholen, the Dranesville District representative on the Fairfax County School Board.

**Guest Speaker:**

The Keynote speaker was Ms. Elaine Tholen, a Dranesville District representative on the Fairfax County School Board, who provided valuable information on funding for various improvements, schedule, and future blueprints. She addressed questions from parents specifically about Mclean High School. She guided parents and students to better understand the changes of McLean High School's landscape along with the residential development in the Tyson's area responsible for the growth and overcrowding facilities.