

Lamar Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 9, 2020 7:00 pm General Meeting

Location: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81151729002?pwd=N1FuN2JCV1VDakthSlphZG5WL0EvUT09>

Meeting ID: 811 5172 9002

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

President Report – Amy Jane Gennrich

- Quorum Established with 32 participants
- September 2020 and October 2020 meeting minutes approved
- Love Lamar Fundraising was a success! Thanks to Gina Ross and Mandy Black for organizing and getting yard signs made and distributed.
- Thank you to PTA VP Veronica Barrio for her website skills
- PTA brought candy and treats to teachers for Halloween, as well as 20 Level 3 masks, 25 face shields, and 2 small room HEPA air purifiers.
- 2 new Secret Pals needed
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fadae29a7fac25-lamar>
- Present Bylaws for review
<https://lamarpta.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Cleaned-Up-V2-ByLaws-Mirabeau-B.-Lamar-Middle-School-Bylaws-2018.docx.pdf>
- Treasurer will present the proposed budget for the membership to vote

Principal's Report – Megan Tesano

- Approximately 150 students/day
- 19 teachers working remotely
 - Students divided among other teachers as space permits. Classrooms will not be overcrowded
 - Library and cafeteria when space does not permit and also serves as overflow.
- Safety measures
 - Masks required
 - Health screenings completed on app
 - Moving hallways as much as possible and limit congregating
 - Bathrooms closed during passing periods
 - Social distancing in classrooms.
 - Desk shields & seating charts at lunch implemented

- On Campus Demographics

On Campus Learning Demographics					
Lamar 1233 students		Oct 5th 105 students		Nov 2nd 197 students	
Asian	1%	Asian	3%	Asian	2%
African American	4%	African American	8%	African American	6%
Hispanic	32%	Hispanic	38%	Hispanic	35%
Two +	4%	Two +	5%	Two +	7%
White	58%	White	46%	White	51%
SpEd	11%	SpEd	22%	SpEd	11%
Eng Learner	9%	Eng Learner	12%	Eng Learner	12%
Econ Dis	23%	Econ Dis	43%	Econ Dis	26%
6th	34.7%	6th	48%	6th	44%
7th	32.4%	7th	33%	7th	29%
8th	32.9%	8th	18%	8th	26%

- Schedule

- Previous schedule had 80 minutes of instruction per class with asynchronous time at the end of the day. With the end of the phase in period we had to increase each class to the required 90 minutes of instruction. Additionally, now that we are rotating classes on campus, regroup those minutes to reduce the number of transitions and to increase cohesion of instruction.
- We decided to go back to our 3 lunch periods so that we could reduce the number of students per lunch period and make one, final change to the schedule.

- Instructional Models per Class

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Group 6: Go over agenda, then some little video during attendance, then take notes in breakout rooms, then go over it as a class, finally do independent work in breakout rooms. Brain breaks in between to stretch and then

Group warm up/announcements/instructions - everyone on Zoom in the beginning then work time individually (in person students off Zoom), come back together if needed

-5 minutes attendance/hello's.-15 -30 minutes of instructions -30-45minutes of work time. -10-15 minutes wrap up, questions, exit tickets. *all vary based on content for the day

between activities, take screen breaks, then start next activity.

- Dotstorming site for parents to anonymously share their issues, concerns, or praises with distance-learning practices <https://dotstorming.com/b/5fa9adca92be2d2789fedbb8>
- Overwhelming concern from meeting participants that on-campus students are receiving preferential treatment for format

Treasurer’s Report – Gabrielle Lucas

- Vote to Approve Budget – changes reflect reduction of revenue and consolidating the Fence and Love Lamar fundraisers into Teacher Grants for basic support. Grant applications will be on LamarPTA website for up to \$400/teacher. Budget passed unanimously

Membership Chair Report: Veronica Barrio (VP and Membership Co-Chair)

- Currently at 386 members. Recognition received from Austin Council PTA.

Committee Reports

- Fence Signs – Marilyn Jackson

- Love Lamar – Mandy Black and Gina Ross
 - Appreciation for donors. \$22,000+ received, 81% of goal. Last call for yard sign pickups will come via email.
- Spirit Wear – Megan Little and Liana Gonzales
 - Bat City Awards has been affected by Covid and not able to get needed inventory.
 - Hats with custom patches are now available <https://lamarpta.org/shop/>
 - Plenty of socks, shirts, and hats.

New Business

- Blend issues
 - Assignments seem to be getting lost after being submitted
 - Suzanne Lacy suggests saving work and typing into Google Docs

End Meeting:

If there is no objection, the meeting will now adjourn at 8:30

THANK YOU FOR COMING AND WELCOME TO LAMAR PTA!