Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date & Time: October 13, 2026 at 7:00pm

Location: Google Meet

1. **Welcome** (Ryan R., PTSO President)

2. **Approval of September 2026 Meeting Minutes** (Ryan R., PTSO President)
   - Motion to Approve- Second- Approved

3. **Principal's Report** (Ms. Bauer, EMHS Principal)
   - Not able to attend the meeting.

4. **Financial Report** (Franchyell A., PTSO Treasurer)
   - Total Revenue (through September 30, 2026): $5400
   - Total Expenditures (through September 30, 2026): $4200
   - Financial Reports for July, August, September were approved by the group during this meeting.

5. **Committee & Initiative Updates**
   - Direct Give (Tracy J.)
     i. "Giving Week" will be promoted next week through multiple media avenues.
     ii. Need as many families as possible to contribute to the Direct Give Fund. There is a list of donors who give over $100.
     iii. Photos in PTSO Google Drive folder will be used to show the EMHS community how money is being spent.

- Staff Events & Appreciation (Karen B.)
    i. Custodian Appreciation Day went well! The Cosmetology Club organized this event.
    ii. Early Release Day tomorrow (Wed 10/14) will have a coffee truck funded by PTSO and treats donated by parents.
    iii. School Psychology Day is coming up and the Psychology Club will organize this one.
    iv. Need parents who can spend a little time in the middle of the day to help set-up and / or clean-up. If you could potentially help, please email: Karen Barnash KLBarnash@yahoo.com

- Advocacy (Mary Louise)
    i. Social Work team would like for clothing items to be added to The Nest.
    ii. Mary Louise is working with the team to determine other needs to be sure all students are set-up for success.

6. **School Improvement Team** (Mary Beth A.)
    - SIT meetings are open for all to attend.
    - In the process of getting the School Improvement Plan finalized.
        i. Continued interventions for students who need to raise their grades, particularly for Math 1.
        ii. Continued focus on what will be needed for each student to graduate.
        iii. Aiming to increase rigor for students who are performing at high academic levels.
        iv. Adopting a new Social & Emotional Learning curriculum.
        v. Attendance is a big issue at East Meck, especially for vulnerable populations.
        vi. Lockout numbers have gone from 300 down to 70 students.
    - Stipends ($17,000) for faculty members who are taking on extra responsibilities at the school, such as advisors to clubs.
    - EMHS Student Enrollment = 2579
    - One current faculty vacancy; all other positions are full.
    - CMS Safety Plans are detailed and thorough; East Meck staff strictly follow established procedures.
    - Goal to raise graduation rate by 2%.
    - If you'd like to contact Mary Beth about SIT matters, please text or call her: 704.905.9447 (email is not preferred)

7. **East Meck Foundation** (Leah Z.)
    - The Foundation has not been active since 2019.
    - Funds donated from East Meck alumni make-up the majority of The Foundation's budget; money used to benefit the East Meck community.
    - Trying to restart it; getting organized again will take some time.

8. **Open Discussion / New Business** (open to all attendees)

    - Discussion regarding whether students who ride the bus are being subject to Lock Out when the bus is late.

    - Parent questions regarding students who are not taking standardized tests over the next couple of days.

Meeting Attendance:

1. Alison Parella
2. Leah Zanville
3. Ryan Rich
4. Darcy Alexander
5. Mary Louise Wilson
6. Genie Ombach
7. Franchyell McLaughlin Amaya
8. Elliott Doerr
9. Alva Leath
10. Charletta Armstrong
11. Erica Bailey
12. John Barnash (also dialed in as phone number 818-...87)
13. Karen Barnash
14. Kristen Hendrix
15. Mary Beth Ausman
16. Tracy Jenkins
17. Angela Vogel Daley
18. Lauren Sawyers