

# MIMS PTO Meeting

6 November 2019 - MIMS Cafeteria - 6 pm

- [Welcome - Nhi Le](#)
  - Approve minutes posted from previous meeting:  
<http://mimspto.org/files/2019/10/Minutes-Oct-4-PTO-General-Meeting-2.pdf>
- [School Admin Updates - Mr. Ying](#)
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  - Soirée vs fall festival update
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  - Magnet Thursdays - <http://mimspto.org/2019/10/17/magnet-tours-sign-up-to-help/>  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c49a4a828a7f49-magnet>
  - Thanksgiving Pies & Desserts - Thanks to Hospitality committee  
<http://mimspto.org/2019/10/30/holiday-deserts-for-teachers-and-staff/>  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044eacab2faafd0-holiday>
  - Yearbook
  - Others?
- [Other Upcoming events:](#)
  - Thanksgiving Lunches
  - Turn over for calendar

## Minutes

6:07 pm Nhi calls meeting to order

## Welcome - Nhi

Welcome to one of our evening PTO meetings - we'll have another one in Spring on 4 March.

Minutes are approved without corrections.

## Admin Update - Mr. Ying

Budget - we lost a great deal of funding due to not meeting enrollment

- 699 today (6 Nov) with 800 projected
- 100 students short is over \$400k of funding we don't have
- Had to lose a teacher
- Really need PTO support
- We'd hoped to hire a TA with PTO's help but we're not going to be able to; however, we still need funding for supplies and other items, although we do find some \$ in a different budget for a some classroom supplies and local professional development

Attendance

- Will really help funding if you send kids every day that they're healthy
- Don't take vacation during the school year
- Goal is 98% attendance each day
- ES: If you need to take them to the doctor, take them after 9:30

Congratulations to Mr. Doucet and Mr. Lupe who were employees of the month for all of HISD!

5th grade family tour coming next week - 2 sessions - students are welcome on the tour

## SDMC Update - Wendy Chung

SDMC met Nov. 4 for our 2nd meeting

- Bernadette Cardenas talked about what SDMC is and does
- Mr. Ying updated us on goals, TEA, STAAR
- Ying told us MIMS passed intruder drill with some areas to work on - parents in school need to obey drills
- Discussed plans for election day safety
- Minutes from the SDMC meeting are available about 10 days after at <https://www.houstonisd.org/domain/43289>
- SDMC next meeting is Feb. 2

## Community Fundraiser - Nissa

- Nobody filed in time to run for this important position last year but now that we've updated the bylaws, we want to fill for the rest of 2019-2020
- This person will help with spirit nights, CNY, and assist with some sub-committees
- Nominate by sending an email to parliamentarian and president at mimspto
- The board will vote at our next meeting

## Financial Report - Jose

Update from events already occurred - [see full current report](#)

- Sociables - \$60k was original goal; have about \$40k in receipts now
- Spirit Nights
  - CoffeeQ \$200
  - Vietopia still waiting
  - Smootea \$170
- Mid Autumn - actual spend \$1k instead of \$2k
- Teacher Appreciation - budget \$8100, spent \$4400 so far - \$3700 remaining
- Teacher Support - budget \$23k, spent approx. \$10k on art and PE supplies
- At first meeting we budgeted \$50k for teacher assistance but as you heard from Ying we can't use the way we expected so we'll update you on this when we know
- School supplies \$30k cost, have collected \$27k so far - reminder we don't make any money on this - it's just a passthrough to pay the bill
- Boosterthon, CNY, and other spirit nights are coming up

## Committees

- Magnet tours are ongoing through Dec - please volunteer to help give these
- Hospitality committee is giving pies and desserts to staff for Thanksgiving - please sign up to bring a dessert or two
- Yearbook - purchase on balfour.com and also please consider buying an ad to support your kids, the clubs and groups they're in; ads are available from 1/8 page to full page \$25 - \$200 and keep sending the photos!!
- String orchestra club is new, k-8th grade \$150 register by Nov. 17 - must have skills already - not for beginners

## Fundraising

- Boosterthon
  - Goal is \$27k, to support communications and teacher support
  - Pep rally 11/19, log in at funrun.com - goal is for YOU not to be the one paying but to ask family and friends and businesses

- Fall Festival
  - We did a fall festival instead of the soiree because the board this year decided to focus on low spend and put all the money back to the school
  - Cost \$1k, raised \$37160 so far
  - Last year raised \$51k with cost of \$15k
- Chinese New Year
  - Coming up - send any auction or raffle items to festivals or fundraising at mimspto.org
  - If you want to volunteer to help, let us know

## Communications

Need to reiterate that Fb isn't an official means of communication from either the school or the PTO - if you want to advertise a club or a sign-up or other school events, please share with secretary at mimspto.org so we can get them on the website

Parent question: Thanks to PTO for the all work. We've clamped down on parent access to the school - several parents are update about missing book character parade - we would like more access considered for these fun events.

Parent question: Teachers and staff are great but feels like the same parents keep contributing

Parent question: How will the kids be able to use the library?

Ying: Working on this - maybe some hourly folks? Hurdle is that you need an HISD ID to check books in and out

Secretary note: Ying sent out that kids will be able to check in and out on Wednesdays during the day

Concluded at 7 pm

## Upcoming Dates

**Interested in a sociable?** They're on the MIMS PTO website calendar. **Subscribe** at [mimspto.org/calendar](http://mimspto.org/calendar).

### November

11/6 - Coffee-Q Spirit Night at MIMS (3-8 pm) and PTO General Meeting 6 pm

11/8 - Early Dismissal at 1:15 pm

11/9 - Yearbook price goes up to \$37

11/12 - Middle School Tour for 5th grade parents

11/15 - School store open at lunch

11/19 - Boosterthon Pep Rally

11/20 - 11/22 - Deliver pies & desserts for teacher/staff appreciation

11/20 - Thanksgiving Lunches for Pk, K, SLL, 3rd, 5th

11/21 - Thanksgiving Lunches for 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th

11/22 - Fú Fri-Yay

11/25-29 - Thanksgiving Holiday

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**December**

12/6 - PTO General Meeting - 8:45 am

12/6 - Boosterthon Fun Run

12/11 - 12/15 - Scholastic Book Fair

12/16 - Deadline to buy a student recognition ad in the yearbook ([balfour.com](http://balfour.com))

12/20 - Teacher service day (students no school)

12/23 - 1/3/20 - Winter Break

**January**

1/6/20 - Return to school