

Lower Merion Education Association
General Membership Meeting
August 30, 2022

NOTE: These minutes will also be available online at www.lmeaonline.org.

Meeting called to order at 10:58am.

Officers' Reports:

President: Aimee Avellino

- Officer introductions
- Phone numbers for A. Avellino (610-202-8704) & V. Fedeli (610-331-8015) were shared
- [LMEAOnline](http://www.lmeaonline.org) shown as a resource for members looking for information
- Members are encouraged to sign up for the "LMEA Blast", our email communication system. Go to:
<https://www.lmeaonline.org/outreachemail.php> to sign up to receive important information from LMEA
 - *must use a personal email address, NOT an LMSD account
- Building reps recognized for their ongoing support of the membership
- Since there were so many staff members that changed locations with the opening of Black Rock Middle School and the change to K-4 and 5-8 buildings, LMEA is soliciting new reps to step forward. The elections will be held before the end of September.

First Vice President, Support: Andy Thomas

- Thanked building rep for their ongoing support
- Explained that CY and BR need professional reps and that other locations may have openings, too. Anyone interested in being a rep at CY should contact K. Salladino and anyone interested in being a rep at BR should contact K. Cenicola.
- Current reps will run elections in each location before the end of September. Details will follow.

Vice President Support: Victor Fedeli

- Asked building reps to please share contact info for new support staff members: 610-331-8015
- Thanked everyone for all they do

PSEA Presentation:

- Vicki Millard, PSEA Mideast Region UniServ Rep., Adam Clark, PSEA Mideast Region Advocacy Coordinator
 - This information is not intended to tell you for whom to vote. That is a private and personal decision. We are just sharing facts for your consideration.

- This election is about two people, not two parties.
- The PA Governor is the most important elected official to school employees.
- PSEA recommends Josh Shapiro, who shares our priorities like increasing salaries, protecting bargaining rights and protecting our pensions.
- Doug Mastriano supports slashing school funding by more than \$10 billion. He believes schools are overstaffed and educators are overpaid. He also supports curtailing collective bargaining rights and using public school funds for private and religious vouchers. Mastriano's potential cuts to funding could result in a loss of \$186.5 million and an 86% job loss rate here in LMSD.

Outreach: Andria Johnson

- Will use the "LMEA Blast" to send communication about getting involved in campaigning for the upcoming election.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting Adjourned 11:28am.

Respectfully submitted
Karen Salladino, Secretary, Professional