

9/12/19 PTA Meeting

PTA Co-Presidents welcomed everyone to the first PTA meeting of the school year.

PTA Board Members were introduced:

Kiernan Difeo – Co-President

Denise Monello – Co-President

John Marzullo – Vice President

Diane Moran – Treasurer

Suzanne Little – Corresponding Secretary

Keri Talucci – Secretary

Meeting was called to order.

1. Suzanne Little provided corresponding secretary report:

Fee update for 2019-2020:

\$15 for an individual member

\$20 for a family

National PTA organization takes \$4.00 from fees, and the balance goes to Mountz PTA

To date 62 families, and 112 members have registered

Feedback received from parents regarding best meeting time:

19 said either morning or evening works

5 n/a

13 said evening best

26 said morning best

Letters received:

Andrea Brierley sent the PTA a thank you note for gift card and lunch.

Mrs. McGowan sent the PTA a thank you note for her flowers, and for all of the PTA's support during her years at Mountz.

Jack Bogdan sent the PTA a thank you note for the scholarships and awards he received from the PTA.

2. Diane Moran provided the treasurer report:

The mission of the PTA is to provide enhancements to the school. The Kitchen Tour raises in excess of \$70,000 and is our only fundraiser of the year. Diane reviewed the 2019-2020 budget and highlighted some of the bigger ticket items: Scholarships, minigrants, field day.

\$70K is the planned income for 2019-2020

Expenses are planned at \$104,025

The library renovation is a one-time, non-recurring expenses = \$35,000

Actual 2019-2020 expenses without the \$35,000 library expense = \$69,000

New Budget Items:

Drama program will be funded by the PTA, budgeted at \$6K. This was traditionally a SLED expense, but is being moved to the PTA.

Detailed discussion took place regarding the Drama Program, including: play selection, drama club fees, timing of the production, parent volunteers needed, and ideas to generate more student participation. PTA suggested that Karen Burlington hold a meeting with parents, so parents can discuss ideas raised directly with Karen Burlington.

PTA App = \$825, and is planned to launch soon

8th grade graduation expense and 8th grade end of year expenses are being increased from \$1300 to \$3000.

Changes to the Budget:

In the past the PTA funded the calendar. The PTA is doing away with the calendar and merging it with the PTA funded school directory. This will result in about a \$1200 savings. Which will fund the expanded directory.

Motions:

Dede Farmer made a motion requesting that the PTA provide \$50 gift cards for teachers and staff, if the budget allows for them. Motion was seconded, and passed.

Motion to Approve the budget. Motion was seconded. Unanimous vote to approve the budget.

Bank balance update:

Current Bank Balance = \$160, 637

3. Dr. La Valva report:

Dr. La Valva thanked the PTA for a warm welcome.

He walked through his background.

He reported that the opening of school went very well.

Safety and Security Update:

He is meeting with Chief Kerr the week of 9/16.

He will attend the meeting for all Monmouth County Superintendents. They will cover safety and security in the meeting.

Parc Scores have been sent out to all parents.

Key Dates to remember:

The school calendar is updated on the Mountz website. Fall sports are now included in the calendar.

BOE meeting – 9/23

Back to School Night – 9/17 and 9/18. There will be a short video shared with parents, that focuses on kindness and character. It will be viewed with the children, during the school day, as well.

Parent Question:

Parent asked if the school was working to resolve the email system, since many parents are not receiving emails. The school is working to resolve this issue and will have an update at Back to School Night.

4. Kitchen Tour Update:

Tour is 5 weeks away! It is the 19th year for the tour. There are 7 homes. Tour is expected to sell out by end of the week of 9/16. VIP tickets are for sale for \$150.

Please contact Kerry Patterson about ad sales.

Please contact Dede Farmer about volunteering. There are opportunities to volunteer before, during and after the tour.

5. Mountz Day Update:

Thank you to Steve and Jen Breen for chairing the event. It was a great day and was well attended! Thank you to all who volunteered. Extra food was donated to the police department.

6. PTA communication Update:

The new PTA website will be up soon and will be linked to the HW Mountz website.

HW Mountz Instagram is up.

And HW Mountz Facebook is still live

7. Class Parents:

An email requesting volunteers for Class Parents will go out to the school on 9/17.

8. Upcoming Events:

Back to school night – 9/16 and 9/17 at 6:45pm

Back to School Social – 9/20 at 7pm at 12 Red Oak – the event is for parents, teachers and staff

PTA meetings will be the 1st Friday of the month right after drop off, unless otherwise announced.

The next PTA meeting will be 10/4 after drop off.