

Recording Secretary's Report:

Minutes from last PTA meeting were approved.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Nothing has been received.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking account balance: \$155,378.96 and Savings Account balance: \$4,499.69

New Business:

\*Discussion regarding making PTA Facebook and Instagram accounts public vs. private. PTA members discussed pros and cons and voted to make the PTA Instagram account public, and keep the PTA Facebook account private. Agreed that photos of children may be included in PTA Instagram account, provided that they are on the approved to appear in social media list, but their names can not be tagged.

\*Curriculum Enhancements were reviewed and voted on:

PBIS Tiger Ticket rewards of 40 \$5.00 gift cards was approved = \$200.00

Magnetic dry erase board for Mrs. Grannick's classroom was approved = \$259.99

Request for cameras for Beyond the Bell Photography Club was tabled so further research can be done.

\*Drama Club update:

This year there will not be a performance of a play or musical, instead there will be a talent show.

More details to come regarding how this change will impact the budget. The PTA approved \$6000 for the drama club to include cost of script, costumes, etc. Budget may be revised.

\*Kitchen Tour update:

PTA presidents will hold a meeting in the coming weeks with all committee heads to request their commitment for Kitchen Tour 2020, and to discuss how we can begin forward planning for the event. Please let PTA board know if you have suggestions for homes for the tour, looking for 7-8 homes, also please let board know if you are interested in a leadership role for the 2020 Kitchen Tour.

\*Clothing Drive:

The drive was a success! 2000lbs of clothing was collected and the PTA raised about \$400. We discussed where to donate the money raised. Must be donated to a 501c3. Vote was taken and PTA unanimously voted to donate to College Achieve's Athletic Program.

\*PTA website and App:

This will be rolled out soon

Goal is to have something to share in our next PTA meeting

Mrs. Callahan's Report:

January is the month of Responsibility and the week of 1/13 the school will focus on:

Monday is Mix Tape Monday

Tuesday is Teamwork Tuesday

Wednesday is Walk in my shoes Wednesday

Thursday is Thank you Thursday

Friday is Peaceful Friday

On Friday students will receive a treat from the PTA which will be a "PEACE" of pizza gift card, to tie back to peaceful Friday.

\*Ambush Academy:

This is a new pilot program being rolled out the week of 1/28.

Mountz received a Tittle 1 grant for the program.

Program will provide academic support to students, this will be by invite only. Students will be invited based upon teacher recommendations, academic performance and test scores.

Program will be 3 days a week, for one hour a day, after school, and will be staffed by teachers. Students must attend 3 days a week in order to participate. Program will run for 6 weeks focused on ELA and 6 weeks focused on Math.

Program will be offered to students in 2-4th grades.

It's a pilot program leading up to RTI, which is intervention that happens during the school day in 3 tiers.

Tier 1 = in the classroom, Tier 2 = pull out and Tier 3 = extra program.

RTI would replace Ambush Academy and would not require any additional funding.

\*School of Character was discussed:

This is an award NJ schools can apply for, which recognizes excellence in their social-emotional curriculum.

This could be something for the future, which could help unify the school around a shared social emotional curriculum.

\*February will be the month of Citizenship -

A hat and glove drive will be held

Committee Updates:

\*The Giving Tree was a success! Over 100 gifts were collected and distributed on 12/3 at Kula Cafe, which is run by Interfaith Neighbors. Suggestions for next year:

Invite someone in from Kula Cafe to talk to the kids about their mission

Share pictures of the event with the kids

NJHS students can go into the classrooms to discuss Kula Cafe's mission, or information can be shared on morning studio, or in an assembly

Goal is to educate our students and raise awareness about where toys are going.

New ideas shared:

\*APR updates suggested as a good project for the PTA to fund

\*Monmouth College sporting event suggested as a fun community wide event

\*Date for Open Houses requested and suggestion made to hold a open house during the school day, and on a Saturday to be sure all families can attend.

Please let me know if you have anything to add/ any feedback.

Thanks,

Keri



