

10/4/19 PTA Meeting

PTA Co-Presidents welcomed everyone to the 2nd PTA meeting of the school year.

Meeting was called to order.

Keri Talucci provided recording secretary's report:

Minutes from September PTA meeting were approved.

Suzanne Little provided corresponding secretary's report:

Membership update for 2019-2020:

To date 135 members have registered. 117 individual members, and 18 staff members.

Letters received:

Thank you note for all that the PTA does from SLEA.

Diane Moran provided the treasurer's report:

Bank Balance as of 10/3/19 was \$158,203

Kitchen Tour income is reflected in the bank balance, and we expect to hit last year's numbers for Kitchen Tour.

For next PTA meeting the Kitchen Tour P&L should be ready.

Changes in approved Budget Expense:

Read Across America expense was approved at \$2500, the cost of the program has increased, and request has been made for an additional \$500, to cover program fee increase. Vote was taken, and all attending the PTA meeting voted in favor of providing the additional \$500.

Dr. La Valva's report:

Communication Update:

Instructions have been sent out to parents, using the emails currently on file, as to how you can re-register to receive e-mail blasts. Please follow instructions and re-register. If parents have not received this email, follow these instructions to register:

To re-register:

1. Visit our website: <https://www.hwmountz.k12.nj.us/Page/1>
2. Hover over the settings gear icon in the top right-hand corner (in between the magnifying lens and the letter scroll)
3. Click on Register - Follow the instructions

New Business:

Study Hall will now be offered to all students who would like to attend during recess time. It is intended to be a time for study and will be held in the library.

Week of Respect is next week, please see Mrs. Callahan's report for details.

Next week is also Fire Prevention week. Pre-school – 2nd graders will participate in fire prevention sessions.

Next week kicks off the NJHS Ping Pong Tournament for students in upper grades.

Coat Drive will begin next week for gently used coats. Coats will be collected by front entrance and will be given to the Food Bank for distribution. Former Mountz student is conducting the drive. Please bring in your coats for donation.

Next BOE meeting is 10/28. Presentations will be made regarding 2018-19 state testing results. And Griffin Engineering will be providing facilities updates.

Halloween Party and Parade – the faculty is working together to plan the day. They are working together to create a policy to be sure all food is safe for all students. Parties and Parade will take place on Halloween. Times and details to be announced.

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Mrs. Callahan's report:

Next week is Week of Respect. On Thursday there will be an all school buddy event in the APR. Students will draw respect rocks on paper, and they will be hung on a wall of respect. The PTA had approved an expense for respect rocks, but funding will not be needed. The PTA will provide dune donut gift cards which will be given to students on Friday. The schedule of events for Week of Respect will be included in this week's tiger news.

The teacher sign up for Kitchen Tour volunteers is completely full.

Mini Grant deadline was extended to 10/4/19. A poster maker has been requested, and if approved, may be used by the PTA.

PTA membership – a 2nd reminder was sent to the staff, 2 weeks ago, reminding staff to sign up.

Thank you to the PTA for all you do throughout the year. We are looking forward to a great year!

Committee Updates:

BTS Social Recap: This was a great success! Thank you to the Difeo's for hosting the event, and to Maria O'Donnell for catering the event. The PTA is hoping to make this an annual tradition. And is thinking about hosting a holiday social, because it's a great way to build community. Please let the PTA know if you are interested in these events.

Library Committee Update: The children are enjoying the new library! The volunteer schedule for 2019 has been filled.

Mother/Son Dance: Jen Winn is going to send out a survey monkey to the school, looking for feedback regarding ideas for doing something different for the 2020 Mother/Son event.

Staff Appreciation Update: Breakfast was provided for the staff on the first day back. It was catered by Tom Bailey's, and it was a success. 10/3 was custodian day. Custodians received gift cards, and on 10/4 there will be a catered lunch from Joe's Deli. The next event will take place on Columbus Day for the staff in house day.

Art Gallery Update: The art that was submitted last year is being framed and will cost about \$250 to frame, which will leave funding for framing art this year. Plan is to present art work at the next PTA function for voting on this year's winners. Art and Poetry winners for the 2019-2020 school calendar, will have their work framed and hung in the school. Placement is still TBD. Mr. T will be engaged regarding ideas for other opportunities to showcase student artwork.

Social Media Update: Request made to highlight the Kitchen Tour Sponsors on PTA Instagram and Facebook pages. Kerry Patterson to provide list of sponsors to highlight. Question was raised regarding private or public access for PTA Instagram and Facebook accounts. PTA meeting attendees were asked if they would like to vote about making the accounts public, but general sentiment was that people wanted to think about it more and discuss again at next meeting. Until vote is taken accounts will remain private.

Clean Ocean Action Beach Clean Up is 10/26 from 9-12. Mountz will be forming a team and we ask everyone to meet at the South End Pavilion at 8:45 to gather as "Team Mountz". All students, families, and staff are invited to attend. Please contact keri@thesak.com to register. Students please wear your Team Mountz t-shirts. All team members please wear orange and black. The PTA will provide Donuts and Coffee.

Kitchen Tour Update:

Tickets are sold out.

7 homes, and 8 restaurants are confirmed for the tour. 4 new restaurants are on the tour this year.

There are only 19 VIP tickets left. 50 were offered for sale. There is a VIP bag sponsor to cover the expense of the VIP/special bag.

Congratulations to Kerry Patterson and the ad sales team for record sales for this year's ad book! Special thanks to the Winns and Mrs. Salway for coordinating and editing the student write ups of the tour homes.

New Business:

High School Fair will be held on 10/10 at 7pm in the APR. The PTA will provide a refreshment table. Suggestion made to reduce waste and plastic use by providing beverages in large glass container and using paper/not plastic cups.

Upcoming Events:

NJ Week of Respect 10/7-10/11

Fire Prevention Week 10/7-10/11

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

The next PTA meeting will be 11/1 after drop off.