### H.W. Mountz PTA Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

8:41 a.m. Call to Order

## **Recording Secretary's Report**

Mrs. Snyder reported that the February 24, 2016 minutes had been submitted and reviewed. A MOTION was made to approve the minutes, seconded, and APPROVED by all.

## **Corresponding Secretary's Report**

Mrs. Mizhir reported on the following notes of thanks sent to the PTA:

- From Emily Snyder and the Scatuorchio Family for the beautiful note and floral arrangement sent to the family at her brother's passing.
- From Ms. Deets of the Lymphoma Research Foundation charity in NY for the Tour Journals to show prospective sponsors.
- From Ms. Parisi for the flowers and gift received with her award for Paraprofessional of the Year.
- From Mrs. Roberts for the flowers and gift received with her award for Teacher of the Year
- From Dr. Boccuti for his birthday card and gift.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Checking account balance is \$86,787.10 and the Savings account balance is \$4497.95 as of 4/20/16.

### **BOE Liaison Update**

Mr. Daino provided the PTA with the following update:

- On Tuesday, 4/26 the 2016-2017 budget will be presented and voted on.
- The BOE is moving ahead with the district's strategic plan and their will be opportunities for the public and parents to be involved.
- Mr. Daino and the BOE generously offered to make a donation for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon on May 5.

### **Committee Updates**

### Someone Special Dance

- Mrs. Carton reported that there were over 110 in attendance and the Eighth grade girls were specially recognized.
- Thanks from Mrs. Carton went out to Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Petrosini for volunteering their time to coordinate the dance.

# Blood Drive

- 43 Units were donated in total and the Fifth Grade won a pizza party for having the most people donate from their families.
- Thanks went out to Mrs. Panzini, Mrs. Petrosini, Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Loquino for their time to coordinate the blood drive.

- It was noted that no staff members signed up to donate blood for the 2016 blood drive.
  - o No award was given therefore this gift will be used for another event.
- A discussion took place as to why overall donations were down from 2015. Question raised if moving the blood drive to a weekday after school would lead to increased participation.

# Mother-Son Event

- Mrs. Panzini gave the following report:
- There were over 150 in attendance.
- Thank you to Jenn Winn for coordinating the event.
- Thank you to the Lin Family for the Star Wars costume show.
- Thank you to Stuart Patterson for photographing the event. Photos will be posted to Shutterfly.

# Teacher Appreciation Week: May 2-6

- Mrs. Snyder spoke regarding the upcoming week's events.
- Gift Cards will be distributed on Wed. 5/4
- There will be a luncheon held on Thurs. 5/5
  - o Volunteers needed for lunch, drinks, dessert.
  - Please contact Christine Mawn at <a href="mayns@optonline.net">themawns@optonline.net</a> to see what you can sign up for. All donations are appreciated!
  - o Flower donations would be well received as well.
  - Please send your child in with your donation, or bring into the school by 11am on 5/5.

## Book Fair

- "Peace, Love, and Books!" is the theme and the fair will run from May 16-20.
- Literacy Night is May 17
- The next PTA meeting will be during the book fair's evening hours on Wed. 5/18 at 7pm.

# PTA Committee Chair's needed for 2016-2017

- Membership collects dues, coordinates with the State PTA, and inputs information onto their website. Mostly a Fall position.
- Enrichment Researches and organizes a variety of after school programs for the students. Fall session and Spring session.
- Eventbrite will be used in the future for enrichment online signup and payment. Discussion took place if this could be used for other PTA sign-up/paid events.

## Mrs. Walsifer's Report

- Pearson Access Next (administrator for PARCC) had a server failure, therefore, today's PARCC testing would be postponed to tomorrow, Thurs. 4/21.
- Until today, PARCC testing has run successfully this week.

## Dr. Boccuti's Report

- The final budget presentation will take place this Tuesday, 4/26. Students will be recognized for their accomplishments on this night as well.
- Pending BOE approval, the school year will end one year earlier due to an unused snow day. A revised end of year calendar was distributed.

- Dr. Boccuti praised the H.W. Mountz staff for their talent and professionalism, as seen in class observations.
- Dr. Boccuti thanked the PTA for its continued support.

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# Kitchen Tour Co-Chair(s) needed for 2016 plus the following Committee Chairs:

- Online Ticket Sales (assist in 2016, take over in 2017)
- Restaurants (assist in 2016, take over in 2017)
- Home Descriptions
- Noted during meeting that parents of younger grade children are encouraged to assist chairpersons in various roles (ie. Kerry Patterson with ad-sales).

## **New Business**

Don't forget to stay informed about PTA by visiting our Webpage on the school's website. Just click on "Our District", then "Organizations".

#### **Announcements**

Next PTA Meeting is Wednesday, May 18 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Submitted by: Emily Snyder, Recording Secretary