

## H.W. Mountz PTA Minutes

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Brendle and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students presented a video presentation they produced highlighting the students in all grades utilizing the mini grants supplied by the PTA. The production included the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to the Metropolitan Museum, Kindergarten students working with Maker Stations, Kindergarten Spanish Class, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Discovery Stations, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Design and Build Centers, TV Studio Sound Board, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Big Joe Chairs and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students discussing the novel, A Long Walk to Water, by Linda Sue Park. Thank you to the PTA for these wonderful enhancements.

9:07 a.m. Call to Order

### Recording Secretary's Report

Noelle Henry reported that the March 5, 2018 minutes have been submitted and reviewed. A **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes, motion seconded and **APPROVED**.

### Corresponding Secretary's Report

Suzanne Newman reported the following notes of thanks:

- From the Grade 6 students for the field trip to the MET. Mrs. Salway was in attendance and said this trip was such a wonderful experience for the students, combining a mix of Art as well as Social Studies. Mrs. Salway also stated a tour guide said that our students knew more than some college students.
- From Ms. Abbot for the generous donation of books to my classroom library. The students and I are excited to start reading our newest selections.
- From Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Salway and Mrs. Orr for the classroom set of the novel, A Long Walk to Water, by Linda Sue Park. They will make a wonderful addition to our ELA Curriculum.
- From Mrs. Grigg to Mrs. Winn and Mrs. Panzini for chairing the Mother Son Dance. Thank you for a fantastic event.
- From Mrs. Lynch and family to the PTA and Sunshine Committee for the flowers, sympathy and thoughtfulness.

### Treasurer's Report

Diane Moran reported that the Checking account balance is \$127,520.03 and the Savings account balance is \$4,498.88 as of 4/18/18.

Reminder, please submit all end-of-year receipts before the last day of school. You can print out a reimbursement form from the website.

Diane Moran explained how the PTA budgets money and where the money is spent. Some upcoming events/items the PTA will fund include Field Day and Scholarships. Staff Appreciation gift cards are voted on in September.

The PTA budget is set in August/September. All new requests for anything requiring a budget, or if the PTA will be requested to fund, must be submitted to the PTA to be approved at the beginning of the year. Each committee chair has a budget. Any new ideas or budget increase must be approved at the beginning of the year.

### **Committee Updates**

#### **Someone Special Dance** (Diane Moran and Jodi Carton)

- This event was a big success. Most people signed up the week before, there were approximately 60 adults and 70 girls.
- The link for the photos was sent out last week.
- Thank you to all who attended, we hope you had fun!

#### **Mother Son Dance** (Colleen Panzini and Jen Winn)

- Roaring 20's theme, the moms had an amazing time as well as the boys.
- Eileen Lin read a follow up on behalf on Jen Winn, thanking all who attended. Despite the weather, we had 60 moms and 70 plus boys attend. Thank you to Dr. Boccuti for attending. We enjoyed the night and loved the amazing festive wear. Any suggestions for next year are welcome.

#### **Enrichment** (Eileen Lin)

- Spring Enrichment begins the week of April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- New this Spring will be Hands on Science, held on Thursdays, 3:00-4:00, taught by Maria O'Donnell. Mrs. O'Donnell has worked with kids and science experiments for over five years, and her philosophy is to assure every kid gets to touch, feel, and see science in every class. Each student will have their own kit! This will be offered to Kindergarten through Grade 8 students.
- Monday will be art and guitar, Wednesday will be chess and Thursday will be Hands on Science.
- All signs should be done via Eventbrite.com, please make sure to register the student's name, rather than the parent name so that we know which child per family is registered.
- If anyone knows of a person willing to teach sewing, we would like to offer that to the students.

#### **Staff Appreciation** (Christine Mawn and Emily Snyder)

- Staff appreciation week will be the week of May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> will be the annual luncheon. A flyer will be posted on the website and e-blasted out to all parents. Mrs. Mawn will also send the flyer to Mrs. Matuch to send to class moms. Please volunteer either store bought or home cooked items. Green salads are always a big hit! We have approximately 60 staff members. Please email Mrs. Mawn with what you would like to donate or if you would like suggestions on what is still needed.

- Emily Snyder will be purchasing \$50 gift cards for staff members and may also be arranging a staff breakfast.

#### **Teacher Liaison Update (Mrs. Callahan)**

- Mrs. Callahan asked if anyone has any questions or concerns for the teachers, please feel free to reach out to her.
- At yesterday's SLA meeting, Mrs. Callahan said there were no questions or concerns from the teachers for the PTA.
- Mrs. Callahan wanted to acknowledge Mrs. Cozzarelli for a great job with Assemblies this year. "The penquins are currently hard at work in the Kindergarten right now"!
- As always, thank you for everything!

#### **Field Day (Jason Martin)**

- Field day will be Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, rain date will be Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Students will be dismissed at 12:40 on field day.
- Volunteers are needed from 8:15-12:30.
- Mr. Martin will purchase food and rent inflatables, borrow tables and tents. The grill will be borrowed from the Borough of Spring Lake.
- Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> will be a full day, assuming field day takes place Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> will be half days.
- Scott Winn is planning a booster club fundraising party the evening of June 15<sup>th</sup>, more details to follow.

#### **Giving Tree (TBD)**

- A new committee chair person is needed for 2018-2019. Thank you to Mrs. Doyle and Mrs. Henry for their hard work organizing the Giving Tree for the past couple of years.
- Mrs. Mawn suggested students can earn leadership hours for National Honors Society or Key Club with a parent over-seeing the project.
- Dr. Boccuti said that high school students are often reaching out to Mountz looking for projects.
- Mrs. Lin suggested maybe it not be a "tree" and moving it to a different time of year when people have more free time and are more willing to donate.

#### **Kitchen Tour (Nicole Behler)**

- The Kitchen Tour will be held on October 20, 2018, please keep your schedule open that day so you can come out and volunteer. We would like to have close to 100% parent participation! There are so many ways you can volunteer, not just the day of the tour. Planning starts now and we always need extra hands to help with the clean-up!
- There are a few more committee chairs needed – we are looking for someone to head up Advertising Sales.
- A meeting will be held immediately following this meeting to discuss next year.

## **BOE Liaison Update**

- Mrs. Lin introduced John Clark the newest member to the BOE. He was our PTA liaison to the BOE, now he is the BOE liaison to the PTA, (Bart Sterling was the previous liaison).
- Mr. Clark advised the main topic of discussion at the previous BOE meeting was regarding the security vestibule. Plans are not yet finalized, but there is a sense of urgency to get this completed by early next school year.
- Chief Kerr will be at the next BOE meeting held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to further discuss security, all are welcome.
- Mr. Clark advised that there were a few staff presentations at the last meeting; reading program, special ed computer management system, and questions regarding math for middle school came up.

## **Library Renovation (Mrs. Krebs)**

- The PTA would like to know how much the BOE can contribute. Dr. Boccuti advised the BOE was trying to budget for the renovation, but security has become the top priority.
- Mrs. Krebs suggested maybe renovating the library in 2 phases, 1<sup>st</sup> painting and addressing carpets and storage solutions. Then, once we know how much BOE can contribute, then we can purchase furniture.
- Mrs. Mawn advised the goal of the library renovation is to make it look great and be functional. Ideally, we would like the renovation to begin this summer.
- Mrs. Lin asked Dr. Boccuti about the 2 offices in the library and if they can be used for library purposes. Dr. Boccuti advised both offices are currently needed for speech and occupational therapy.
- Mrs. Rehill asked Mrs. Krebs if there is currently list of renovations requested and the total cost. Mrs. Krebs advised we are still in the beginning stages of the renovation process.
- Mrs. Krebs thanked The Breakers Hotel for the generous fundraising effort. The Breakers will donate 10% of your food and beverage purchase to the PTA for the library renovation.

## **Dr. Boccuti's Report**

- Mountz will host our first open house April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. My goal as the Superintendent is to market how great this school is! Can we have some volunteers to put these open house signs on front lawns.
- Thank you to the PTA for hosting the Mother Son dance, such a wonderful evening!

- Our IP software is outdated, we are purchasing Frontline IEP, a new language arts service for Kindergarten through grade 5.
- Safety has been the topic of discussion at the Superintendents monthly meetings. Dr. Boccuti has been meeting with Chief Kerr and Lieutenant Giblin on a regular basis regarding the visible management software and visitor security vestibule. Chief Kerr will be at the work session May 7<sup>th</sup> to answer any concerns.
- This is the time of year that many evening events will begin to take place. Please respond to my email on the Academic Awards Ceremony and provide your feedback to Mrs. Campbell.
- Regarding the upcoming open house, parents had questions regarding tuition paying students. What is the process for determining if there is room for tuition students. Dr. Boccuti advised that he carefully looks at each grade and if there is not enough room for a tuition student, they will be turned away. There is approximately a month long process to become a tuition student. The main priority is to maintain the quality of our teachers and the education our students are receiving. We are looking at sharing a business administrator with Monmouth Beach. Mr. Clark advised that most districts in the area are accepting tuition students. Mrs. Doyle voiced her concern that parents have no say about class sizes being increased for tuition students. Dr. Boccuti advised that the schedule is built on resident students, he will accept tuition students only if space is available.

#### **Announcements**

- The next PTA Meeting will be Monday, May 7th at 9:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Submitted by: Noelle Henry, Recording Secretary