

## H.W. Mountz PTA Minutes

Monday, February 4, 2019

9:07 a.m. Call to Order

### **Recording Secretary's Report**

Noelle Henry reported that the January 7, 2019 minutes have been submitted and reviewed. A **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes, motion seconded and **APPROVED**.

### **Corresponding Secretary's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Diane Moran reported that the Checking account balance is \$171,183.24 and the Savings account balance is \$4,499.27 as of 2/3/19. Diane Moran reported the PTA purchased 5 iPads, cases and iTunes cards for the primary grades.

### **Committee Updates**

#### **Mini Grants**

Eileen Lin advised this Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> is the final day to submit mini grant applications and curriculum enhancement applications. Dr. Boccuti advised he will send an email to remind staff. Eileen Lin will contact Mrs. Callahan to remind staff as well.

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

Eileen Lin reported after discussions with Dr. Boccuti, the PTA is relinquishing administrative duties for the enrichment program. From now on the Tiger Den staff will be taking over the content and administration of enrichment. For all inquiries regarding enrichment please contact Mrs. Brendle or Mrs. Krebs from hereon in. We hope to have new enrichment opportunities in March. Dr. Boccuti advised since this is now handled by the school, we need to get the full school district clearance. Diane Moran asked if the school will still offer programs such as ceramics etc, and Dr. Boccuti advised yes, we hope to offer a little bit of everything. There will also be the opportunity to stay from 4:00-5:00 once the enrichment ends.

#### **Book Fair (Gina Lu)**

This year's Book Fair "Dino-Mite Book Fair: Stomp, Chomp and Read" will take place March 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Family Night March 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 pm. Bagels and Books Shopping Event for Preschool and Kindergarten classes is Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-9:45. We are looking at having a reptile make an appearance! Please volunteer!

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

Please save the date! Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-7:00 at the Spring Lake Golf Club. The theme is "Under the Stars". There will be a photo booth and DJ. More information to come regarding sign up and payment. Mother Son Dance tba.

### **Nominating Committee** (Nicole Behler)

Nicole Behler advised Andrea Scardino and Stephanie Sterling will be on the nominating committee. We will do our best and please contact Nicole if interested in becoming part of the PTA board.

### **Art Gallery** (Kristen Gubler)

Eileen Lin reported Kristen Gubler will be the new chairperson of this committee. This role includes picking student artwork that is framed and hung in the hallway near the library. When the student graduates, they are giving back their artwork. Kristen is thinking of new ways to get the parents more involved.

### **New Business**

#### **Library Renovation Update**

Eileen Lin

#### **BOE Liaison** (Karen Matuch)

Karen Matuch filled us in on what was discussed at the past BOE Meeting.

- Library Renovation was discussed. Allen Ferarro advised SLED in interested in helping with a portion of the funds.
- Dr. Boccuti gave a safety and security update, the one button notification system should be up and running soon. Still working on the credentialing window where visitors will be able to pass identification through a window before entering the building.
- BOE meeting dates have been set for the remainder of the year, every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, (Except Memorial Day) at 6:30 pm in the library.
- 178 students are enrolled, 19 are non-residents.
- Class trips were approved for grades 4,5 and 8.
- Spring Lake Heights school is having work done to the building and may request to use some or our rooms this summer.
- NJQSAC is March 13<sup>th</sup>, the State comes in to inspect the building.
- Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Salway were selected by the NJDOE to serve on the state committee to review and revise the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in English Language Arts.
- Committees were approved so that may change things a bit. The committees include:
  - Finance, Negotiation and Personnel
  - Building, Grounds and Security
  - Curriculum, Instruction and Student Enhancement
  - Communications - Karen advised she will be meeting with Dr. Boccuti to see what we want to achieve in this committee as Noelle Giblin thinks the

description is too broad, communicating with-in the school and outside the school. Mrs. Caldwell will be the chairperson of this committee and Karen will be a part of this committee as well. Eileen Lin requested that this committee please look into the school app and have it up and running by September.

- Mr. Worth is drafting a letter to send to Sea Girt and Spring Lake Heights Schools suggesting looking into sharing programs, for example the Vaping Program Spring Lake Heights is hosting. Eileen Lin reiterated sharing programs/assemblies with local schools is a cost saving.
- The Governors Educator of the Year Award was presented to Mrs. Reid and Para Professional Mrs. Brendle. Eileen Lin advised the PTA presented Mrs. Reid with a \$500 check and Mrs. Brendle a \$200 check and flowers for their well-deserved awards. Mrs. Pearce took a picture which will be in the Coast Star.
- The Teachers and BOE have come to a resolution regarding contracts. There are a few final details being worked out, but will soon be able to vote and approve the contracts.

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

- Thank you to the PTA for all you do!
- Dr. Boccuti gave a security update. The Integrated intercom system, the Raptor Visitor Management System and Geomapping are all complete and up and running. The One Button Notification system is almost complete. We have received 3 quotes for the Credentialing Window which will need to be voted on by the Board. The back gates need to remain open due to fire codes, but we are looking to get new locks that would allow kids to exit.
- Library Renovation - The PTA has asked the school to fast-track this project. We have been working with a state approved company. The Board is aware of this project and can begin helping with funding in July. SLED has showed interest in supporting this project.
- Mrs. Hanlon, the school nurse, will be retiring the end of February. We have begun the interview process and have 3 candidates returning this week.
- Mrs. Lin asked if the school can take over the school directory. Dr. Boccuti advised legally the school cannot provide the info currently in the PTA directory. Mrs. Matuch said the PTA sends home a form soliciting this information and parents are not obligated to participate. Mrs. Lin said other school districts (Shrewsbury) do provide this info through a school provided app. Dr. Boccuti advised he will meet with the Board Communications Committee to see what the school can and cannot do. Mrs. Lin advised the current directory has been handled by Alan Uhler, his children are graduating this year. This should be a 3 person job and the PTA will have trouble filling this spot. Mrs. Matuch asked if we can combine the calendar and directory.
- Suzanne Newman asked for an update on clearing out the old desks from the girls locker room. Dr. Boccuti advised Mrs. McCarthy has been looking into a state run program providing items like desks to schools in need. She is creating a list of what can be

donated/discarded. Suzanne Newman asked if there is a time from when this project will move forward and be complete. Dr. Boccuti advised we are working on it. Jim Worth walked through the building creating a list of items that need to be addressed. It was discussed that storage in the school is an issue and something needs to be done about it.

### **Announcements**

- The PTA has an Amazon Smile account, information will be sent out.
- Mrs. Salway has asked everyone to please follow her in Instagram. She has volunteered to handle our districts social media and will be on the BOE Communications Committee.

Next month's PTA meeting will be Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Submitted by: Noelle Henry, Recording Secretary