

H.W. Mountz PTA Minutes

Monday, March 20, 2017

8:47 a.m. Call to Order

Recording Secretary's Report

Mrs. Snyder reported that the February 22, 2017 minutes have been submitted and reviewed. A **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes, motion seconded and **APPROVED**.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Mrs. Mizhir reported on the following note of thanks:

- From Mrs. Marcus-Feld for her mini-grant approval.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Marzullo reported that the Checking account balance is \$118,144.29 and the Savings account balance is \$4498.38 as of 2/20/17.

Mrs. Walsifer's Report

- Thank you to Mrs. Mawn, Mrs. Snyder and the PTA for the green bagels that were set out on St. Patrick's Day for teachers and staff.
- A PARCC infrastructure test will be administered today to grades 3-5 and tomorrow to grades 6-8 to prepare for PARCC testing.

Teacher Liaison Update (Mrs. Callahan)

- Welcome Mrs. Callahan to this newly formed position!
- Mrs. Callahan looks forward to presenting new PTA initiatives to the teachers, moving forward.
- The teachers are very appreciative of all the PTA does, especially the mini-grants.
- Mrs. Callahan spoke about her idea to have the district implement a weekly e-blast that will highlight PTA news, among other groups, at the school. This one, concise e-blast will go out one day a week; TBD whether on a Friday or Sunday.
- A question was raised regarding the use of a deadline for submission.
 - This date can be flexible if a notice warrants a special e-blast.

Dr. Boccuti's Report

- Dr. Boccuti looks forward to utilizing the weekly e-blast that Mrs. Callahan discussed, as it aligns with the action plan put forth in the District's Strategic Plan.
- A BOE meeting will take place this evening.
 - Dr. Boccuti explained that the BOE is looking to update its policies
 - A first and second reading of the school policies will be read at the meeting.
 - The district has employed the company Strauss Esmay to assist.
 - At next month's BOE meeting HIB and tuition student policies will be topics of discussion
- Mr. Mackres has accepted the position of business administrator at the Jamesburg school district. A new business administrator will be named at tonight's meeting.

- End of year dates to be discussed/approved at the April work session. Parents are welcome to contact the main office for tentative dates.
- A question was raised how the February snow day will be made up. Dr. Boccuti explained that the day will be added on in June.
- A discussion took place regarding the use of snow days and their implementation.

B.O.E. Liaison Update – Mr. Daino spoke on behalf of Mrs. Valori

- Voting on the preliminary 2017-18 school budget will take place tonight and will be submitted to the county for approval.
 - Expansion of programs (i.e. Art teacher back to f/t teaching position) and addition of Art to STEAM.
 - Incorporation of the Virtual Learning Lab into the curriculum that is being developed.
- The final proposal for the demographic study will be presented this evening.
- Mrs. Flaherty inquired how long the study will take to complete. Mr. Daino answered 6-8 weeks.
- A question was raised regarding the expansion of the pre-K Art program. Dr. Boccuti discussed the expansion of both Art and Spanish in pre-k. Spanish will be brought to pre-K classes starting in September.
- Eighth grade students will be given the option to attend evening classes at MHS should they wish to take Spanish 2 in high school. The district will pay for this course.

Committee Updates

Blood Drive (Mrs. Panzini)

- Mrs. Panzini reported that 12 parents, 18 local residents and one staff member (Mrs. Krebs) donated to the blood drive. This is a 20% decline from the year prior.
- Mrs. Panzini cited a lack of volunteers, specifically, volunteers among school parents.
- Thank you to Mrs. Panzini for her volunteer efforts.
- Several ideas were discussed to increase these numbers for 2017-18
 - The idea of giving out homework passes to the parents of students as an incentive to donate.
 - Possibly unifying districts (Sea Girt, Manasquan, Spring Lake) and doing one large donation.
 - Changing the blood drive date to the Fall season.

Spring Enrichments (Mrs. Lin)

- Signups are open. All information is on the district website.
- Thank you, Mrs. Lin, for organizing.

Teacher Appreciation Week (Mrs. Mawn and Mrs. Snyder)

- The Staff Appreciation luncheon will take place on Thursday, 5/4 this year.

- Mrs. Mawn and Mrs. Snyder will be sending out an e-mail looking for volunteers to prepare small dishes (ie. dessert, salad, sandwiches) after the spring break.
- The \$50 gift cards were previously approved at the September 2016 meeting.

Someone Special Dance

- The event will take place Saturday, April 1 from 5-8pm at the Spring Lake Golf Club. A reminder e-mail will be sent encouraging signups.

Mother-Son Luau Event – Sunday, Apr. 9, 4-7pm, Spring Lake Golf Club.

2017 Kitchen Tour

- Thank you and congratulations to Nicole Behler – the 2017 Kitchen Tour Chairperson!!
- The following committee chairs are needed to assist: Website, On-line ticket sales, ad sales, home descriptions, Facebook updates.

Spring Lake Trout Contest – Saturday, April 8

- Marie Reed and Dede Farmer are looking to increase our school presence at both the contest and the week prior during the stocking of the lake.
- Cleanup volunteers needed on 4/8; The school would like to increase its community presence.
- Mrs. Behler suggested that the school environmental club could assist with cleanup.
- Mrs. Snyder advised that there is a dune planting and beach sweep taking place this Saturday from 10-1 at the South End.
- A suggestion was made for Mountz to partner with the Tri-shore little league at a Spring Lake 5 water stop.
- The idea of purchasing Mountz flags/yard signs to represent the school, specifically during the Spring Lake 5, was discussed.
- The idea of purchasing t-shirts to represent the school at these events was discussed. Mrs. Lynch volunteered to research this option.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Submitted by: Emily Snyder, Recording Secretary