

H.W. Mountz PTA Minutes

Monday, March 4, 2019

9:08 a.m. Call to Order

Recording Secretary's Report

Noelle Henry reported that the February 4, 2019 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 Mrs. Reid for recognizing my "Teacher of the Year" award and beautiful flowers and generous gift.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Moran reported that the Checking account balance is \$167,662.03 as of 3/3/19. Diane Moran reported we have a large portion earmarked for big items such as the Someone Special Dance, Mother Son, Graduation and Library Renovation.

Committee Updates

Book Fair (Gina Lu)

This year's Book Fair "Dino-Mite Book Fair: Stomp, Chomp and Read" is this week. Bagels and Books Shopping Event for Preschool and Kindergarten classes is tomorrow, Tuesday, March 5th, 9:00-9:45. Family Night March 7th 6:30-8:00 pm, special meet and greet with the lizard guys. Crafts, refreshments, fun photos, stories and shopping! Please volunteer! A sign-up genius has been sent out to all classes, we still need volunteers for 5th grade, 7th grade and Thursday night, as well as break-down on Friday. All volunteers are appreciated! Mrs. Krebs will be open Monday through Thursday after school from 3:00-4:00 for parents and students to come in and shop!

Someone Special Dance (Diane Moran and Jodi Carton)

Sunday, March 24th, 4:00-7:00 at the Spring Lake Golf Club. The theme is "Under the Stars". There will be a photo booth and DJ. \$50 Adults, \$25 young ladies.

Mother Son Dance (Jen Winn and Colleen Panzini)

Sunday, March 31st, 4:00-7:00 at the Spring Lake Golf Club. Boys dress as their favorite College or NBA Team Player. Moms dress as their favorite college, NBA Team Player or Team Dancer. Lots of dancing, games and prizes. Ticket Price: Ladies \$50, Children \$25

Kitchen Tour (Nicole Behler and Cheryl Lynch)

Please save the date, October 19th, 2019 for next year's Kitchen Tour. Nicole Behler and Cheryl Lynch to chair.

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. Dr. Boccuti advised since this is now handled by the school, we need to get the full school district clearance. Please see flyer on Tiger Den on the website. Cooking club, building club, yoga etc. coming April.

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.

New Business

Library Renovation Update (Eileen Lin)

Eileen Lin reported we have an initial plan we are fine tuning. Hopefully by the April PTA meeting we will have a plan set. We hope to get started this June with the renovation.

SLED

Eileen Lin reported SLED will hold a Community Social to help “Cool the School” Friday, April 5th from 7:00-11:00 pm at the Breakers Hotel. Tickets \$75. SLED would like to fund temporary, portable air conditioning units to the school. This is a community event so please spread the word to friends and family. Some questions included:

How much are they looking to raise? As much as we can.

How many portable units are needed? Dr. Boccuti is gathering that info.

How much do each unit cost? Not sure.

Can the APR/gym be a priority? We need to see what kind of units are able to be in those rooms.

Why can't the PTA pay for this? The PTA cannot pay for anything related to the building infrastructure.

BOE Liaison (Karen Matuch)

Karen Matuch filled us in on what was discussed at the past BOE Meeting, held Monday February 25th that ran very long.

- The Board honored the follow students and staff; Catharine Little, Spelling Bee winner; Joseph Graff, Geography Bee winner; Mrs. Hallowell, Mrs. Krebs, Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Roberts where selected as NJDOE Exemplary Educators; and Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Salway were also selected by the NJDOE to serve on the state committee to revise the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in English Language Arts.
- The Teachers and BOE have come to a resolution regarding contracts
- Regarding safety and security update, an approval was obtained to move forward with a safety update, no further details can be given at this time due to the police asking this not be made public at this time.
- Regarding the Building and Grounds - a feasibility study was done a few years ago. Mr. Ferraro and Mr. Worth are going over everything that needs to be worked on and will determine what needs to be done. HVAC is an item on that list. John Marzullo asked if

there is an idea of how much a new HVAC system will cost. There are 4 options on the table and we need to determine which will be best.

- Mr. Ferraro discussed the library renovation will be supported by 3 entities, the BOE, the PTA and SLED.
- Approval of Expenditures was approved.
- Class trips were approved for grades 3, Manasquan Reservoir, grade 7, Manasquan Elementary School Pi Day Convocation and grade 7 Music and Movies Convocation. United Sports Day will be held at Spring Lake Heights Elementary School.
- Summer Recreation was approved for building use this summer.
- NJQSAC is March 13th, the State comes in to inspect the building.
- A draft of the school calendar for 2019-2020 was reviewed.
- The new school nurse was approved, Bridget Koch. She has given her resignation to her current district and will start in 60 days. We currently have Mrs. Kincaid as the substitute until Mrs. Koch starts. She spent a full day with Mrs. Hanlon before her retirement. Diane Moran asked if the new nurse will reach out to any parents who would like to meet with her. Dr. Boccuti advised yes.
- Michelle Lee has extended her family medical leave, Jeannine McDonald will extend her term of long term substitute.
- Part of our strategic plan is working towards applying for the School of Character award. Dr. Boccuti hopes to apply for this towards the end of the school year.
- As a Board, we are struggling to get a liaison for the Manasquan High School BOE. It must be a current member from our BOE and cannot be a rotating position. It is a big commitment as a Board member to sit on another Board.
- Mr. Ferraro reported on behalf of SLED - they mentioned a community dinner, they may be the "Cool the School" event now. Mr. Ferraro reported they raised a lot of money from the Hamilton raffle and the winners were previously a Mountz family.
- The Booster Club will be holding a Paddle Tennis Tournament March 30th at the Atlantic Club. \$75 a person or \$150 a team.
- Kerry Patterson is starting a Spring Track team for the older grades. She has 6 meets scheduled. Older grades can also take part in golf at the Spring Lake Golf Club.
- Communications - Karen Matuch meet with Mrs. Caldwell discussing Instagram, the website and the possibility of a newsletter. We have a BOE Communications committee for internal communications as well as an ad hoc communications committee for external communications. Keri Talucci asked if either of these with the Enrollment Committee - no, that is a separate committee and if you would like to be a part of that, please email the Business Administrator and let her know. Dr. Boccuti suggested that there are many committees that are not limited to only Board members so feel free to request to join some of these committees.
- Eileen Lin asked Karen Matuch if the Board will be able to get a school app up and running in September with a calendar and parent directory. Karen Matuch advised she spoke about this with Mrs. Caldwell. They would like to meet with Dr. Boccuti and Mr. Soto as well as look at other schools to see what type of apps they are using.

Dr. Boccuti's Report

- Dr. Boccuti gave an update on the very low debt the district has which will be paid off by 2020. Now is the time to start discussing the renovations needed to the building, including the HVAC update.
- Dr. Boccuti thanked the PTA in advance for the Mini Grant program.
- Please come out and support the Book Fair this week! It will be a great event. I will miss the Thursday Family night, due to 8th grade student Matt DiFeo being honored for an award, but Mrs. Domogala will be there.
- The Teachers contracts have been finalized. Mrs. Salway is moving forward on our social media expansion to Instagram. Let's get the word out!
- Thank you to the PTA and Mrs. Cozzarelli - the Kindness Rocks Assembly was great!

Mini Grants

Eileen Lin advised that Spring Mini Grant applications were submitted last week, we will have more info at the next meeting with what was submitted. We budget \$10,000 to this line item. We spent approximately \$6,000 this Fall so we have just under \$4,000 to spend for this Spring. The penguin visited the Kindergarten class last week! If you have any ideas or suggestions for a mini grant, please feel free to let your teachers know! We also have a separate line item for \$500 for Curriculum Enhancements. This is for smaller ticket items any time of the year.

Announcements

- If anyone can stay and help set up for the book fair, we would greatly appreciate it!

Next month's PTA meeting will be Monday, April 1st at 9:00.

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Submitted by: Noelle Henry, Recording Secretary