

## H.W. Mountz PTA Minutes

Thursday, May 24, 2018

9:06 a.m. Call to Order

### Recording Secretary's Report

Noelle Henry reported that the April 19, 2018 minutes have been submitted and reviewed. A **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes, motion seconded and **APPROVED**.

### Corresponding Secretary's Report

John Marzullo (On behalf of Suzanne Newman) reported the following notes of thanks:

- The following staff members sent in very thoughtful thank you cards for the staff appreciation breakfast, lunch and gift cards: Dr. Boccuti, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Orr, The S.L.E.A., Mrs. Calafiore, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Brierley, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Dettlinger, Mrs. Fattizzi, Mrs. Cory, Ms. Muhlenbruck, Mrs. Forsythe, and Mrs. O'Connell.

### Treasurer's Report

John Marzullo (On behalf of Diane Moran) reported that the Checking account balance is \$125,576.41 and the Savings account balance is \$4,498.92 as of 5/22/18.

Reminder, please submit all end-of-year receipts before the last day of school. You can print out a reimbursement form from the PTA webpage and also remember to attach receipts to a piece of paper for safekeeping.

John Marzullo explained how the PTA spent year to date and how much more will be spent for the remainder of the year.

### Announcements

Eileen Lin announced that the PTA has won 2 awards!

- The Monmouth County Education Association informed us we were selected as a 2018 Friend of Education Award to recognize individuals and organizations who have demonstrated leadership and support for our Public Schools and have contributed to the betterment of public education. Thank you to Mrs. Marcus Feld for nominating us!
- The NJ PTA awarded us the 2017-2018 School Year Membership Increase Challenge for successfully increasing our membership for the 2017-2018 School year! A big thanks to Mrs. Callahan for helping with teacher participation!

The Borough of Spring Lake has invited H.W. Mountz to walk in the Memorial Day parade. Please meet in front of Mountz at 10:15. Jason Martin, one of our parents, is the speaker this year and our marching band will perform. Mrs. Doyle requested this information be e-blasted to families. Mrs. Golden asked if the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students can add this to the morning announcements. Mrs. Callahan advised the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are away on their class trip, but

will make sure the announcement is made. Mrs. Lynch asked to please make sure everyone is aware that Jason Martin is the speaker.

Jen Shea advised that at the most recent Spring Lake Town Council Meeting, Mayor Naughton announced Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> in National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Please wear orange to school that day. Mrs. Callahan will discuss with Dr. Boccuti. It is very difficult to address gun violence to Pre-k through grade 4. Maybe suggest that everyone wear Mountz Orange to represent Mountz is a safe place for students.

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

- Mrs. Callahan passed along an overwhelming thank you from all the teachers and staff for all that was done during Teacher Appreciation Week!
- Mr. DeStefano suggests everyone sign up for Camp Invention this summer, August 13-17<sup>th</sup> 9:00-3:00. Please see the flyer on the Mountz website, as well as the Camp Invention Website. This is open to all local students K-6, not just Mountz students. This is an excellent program to learn about science, STEM and inventions. Last year there were approximately 30 students enrolled. There is no cut-off for enrollment. One parent said that her child did get closed out of enrollment last year. Mrs. Mawn said her son did this program in Wall a few years ago and it was the best week ever!
- Mrs. Hanlon will hold a baseline concussion screening for 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders sometime in August. This screening is free and not mandatory. More information will be posted to the Mountz website when available.
- Mrs. Roberts, the lead teacher for grades Pre-K-2<sup>nd</sup>, is interested in purchasing 4 iPads for each grade level. Mrs. Lin advised to write up a request.
- Mrs. Callahan is interested in getting a committee started to promote school spirit/ coordinating with a local cause, such as Alex's Lemonade Stand or a beach sweep. Possibly get NJHS involved as well.
- Mrs. Lynch asked Mrs. Callahan if the BOE has reached out to the teachers for input regarding the safety and security of the students and staff. Mrs. Callahan advised "no". Mrs. Lynch expressed her disappointment that not much has been done yet and maybe a task force should be created for teachers to participate. She is also upset there is no security guard at the school. Mrs. Callahan advised that as teachers, we are on the front line and the ones protecting the children. She will bring it up at the next union meeting.
- End of Year party is June 13<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Callahan will pass the info along to the teachers.

### **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). His role is to collect info at the PTA and bring to the BOE and questions or concerns we have for the BOE. Please feel free to email John at [JClark@hwmountz.k12.nj.us](mailto:JClark@hwmountz.k12.nj.us) with anything you would like to be addressed at the BOE meetings.

- 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. Mr. Clark was surprised that no parents voiced their concerns regarding safety at the most recent meeting. Mr. Marzulo and Mrs. Mawn stated that many parents cannot attend the meetings and we, as parents, expect the BOE does its best to keep the school safe. Teachers should be included in discussions as many have been at the school for years and they are the ones protecting the children.
- Bids have been sent out for the front entrance and window glass safety.
- Mrs. Lin advised we need a few parents to volunteer to attend the BOE meetings and report back to the PTA. Mrs. Lin provides John Clark with a PTA update that he reads at the BOE meetings.
- Many parents voiced their concerns that safety must be a priority and would like to see the ID scanner be implemented if we have the technology.

## **Committee Updates**

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

- Staff appreciation week was a great success, that you to Christine Mawn and Emily Snyder for organizing!
- Mrs. Mawn said it went great, we had a lot of donations from many parents, the BOE sponsored sandwiches and The Breakers and Scardino family provided the salad!
- Mrs. Mawn stated that this will be her last year on the committee and asked if someone could help Mrs. Snyder next year.
- Mrs. Lin read Mrs. Snyder's email as she was not in attendance:
  - Staff Appreciation week took place during the week of May 7.
  - The PTA hosted a casual continental breakfast in the teacher's lunchroom on Monday, 5/7 with coffee, bagels, and juice.
  - On Thursday, 5/10 the PTA hosted its annual luncheon for the teachers, administration and staff. With the help of multiple Mountz families providing generous donations by way of food and beverage, the PTA hosted lunch for 52. Lanza's nursery and the Difeo family donated beautiful centerpieces for the room.
  - The week culminated on Friday, 5/11 with each staff member receiving a wrapped \$50 gift card; courtesy of the PTA.
  - Thank you for all that volunteered to make Teacher Appreciation Week 2018 a success!

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

- 23 students were enrolled in Spring enrichment.

- New this Spring was Hands on Science taught by Maria O'Donnell. Mrs. O'Donnell even came equipped with an experiment for the parents.
- If anyone knows of a person willing to teach a skill, such as sewing, we would like to offer that to the students.

**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.
- 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.

**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.

**Announcements**

- The PTA year end party will be June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at The Breakers.
- April 2-June 15: Library Fundraiser - The Breakers will donate 10% of your food and beverage purchase to the PTA for the HW Mountz Library renovation. Please see the flyer on the website for more information.
- If you are currently on a committee, please let us know if you plan to continue next year. We are looking for a committee chairperson for the Giving Tree and BOE Liaison.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Submitted by: Noelle Henry, Recording Secretary