

H.W. Mountz PTA Minutes

Monday, May 6, 2019

9:09 a.m. Call to Order

Recording Secretary's Report

Noelle Henry reported that the April 8, 2019 minutes have been submitted and reviewed. A **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes, motion seconded and **APPROVED**.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Eileen Lin reported on behalf of Suzanne Newman reported the following notes of thanks:

- From Mrs. Marcus Feld for the Butterfly Project mini grant in honor of a Holocaust victim.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Moran reported that the Checking account balance is \$158,478.25 and the Savings account balance is \$4,499.38 as of 5/6/19. Diane Moran reported we have a large portion earmarked for big end of year items such as Graduation, Field Day, 8th Grade Fund, Scholarships, and Library Renovation.

- Regarding Scholarships, each year the PTA mails a scholarship application packet out to all high school seniors who graduated from Mountz. This year we only received 3 applications, so all 3 applicants received scholarships.
- This year, we used up all the money we budgeted for curriculum enhancements and mini grants.
- The 8th grade replaced the traditional NYC trip with a trip to Gettysburg in the fall (they also go to DC in June). This additional expense for Gettysburg, coupled with the fact that this current 8th grade class is a large one, put the 8th grade in a deficit. After careful analysis, the PTA board agreed to fund the 8th grade **graduation costs** (\$2040) plus the 8th grade **picnic** (\$500) for this year. A check will be cut (\$2540) for the 8th grade fund to cover these costs for this year. Going forward (2019 and beyond), the PTA will have to decide and vote on whether to include graduation/picnic costs as a recurring line item.
- Eileen Lin reported that SLED asked PTA to take over funding the Drama club beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. This will be a \$6000 expense which will have to be approved during the budget meeting in August.
- Please submit all receipts for reimbursement asap. June 15th will be the final day to submit receipts. Please fill out a reimbursement form and attached your receipt, we need actual receipts for our files, no copies or photos. Diane printed reimbursement forms available for anyone to take and also reminded everyone the form can be found on the PTA website. You can put your reimbursement requests in the PTA mailbox, Diane's home mailbox or hand them directly to Diane in person.

Committee Updates

Teacher Appreciation Week (Emily Snyder and Christine Mawn)

Teacher Appreciation Week is this week. The week kicks off today with a bagel breakfast. Thursday will be the big luncheon, an email was sent out requesting donations for flowers, salads, wraps, etc. Christine Mawn expects this year to be a great success! Each staff member will receive a \$50 gift card (The Custodians received them in October). Next year we will need a co-chair as Christine Mawn's son is graduating, please let us know if you would like to volunteer. The staff really appreciates this event. Eileen Lin also mentioned the PTA funds the end of the year luncheon for the teachers and staff at the Breakers. Christine Mawn asked if anyone knows where the orange and white table cloths are, they have gone missing.

Nominating Committee (Nicole Behler, Stephanie Sterling, Andrea Scardino)

Nicole Behler reported the new board members that have been nominated!

- Co-Presidents - Kiernan DiFeo and Denise Monello
- Vice President - John Marzullo
- Treasurer - Michael Moran
- Corresponding Secretary - Suzanne Newman
- Recording Secretary - Kerri Talucci

A **MOTION** was made to approve the PTA 2019-2021 Board, motion seconded and **APPROVED** by 15.

Mini Grants

Eileen Lin advised that Spring Mini Grants were approved. Two new 3D printers have arrived! Mrs. Krebs will be ordering the Jumbo Games, a giant Connect 4. If you have any ideas or suggestions for a mini grant, please feel free to let your teachers know! Here is what was approved this Spring:

- Literature for ELA (Grannick)
- Yoga Calm for Children (Grannick)
- Improve and Theatre Games (Krebs and Hallowell)
- JUMP for Math and Reading (Roberts)
- Yoga Calm (Roberts)
- Butterfly Project (Marcus Feld)
- 3D Printer (Pearce)
- Mindfulness (Reid)
- Activity desks (Hallowell)
- 6th Grade Class Novel (Henry, Orr, Salway)
- Little Critters (Roberts)

Eileen Lin agreed to chair the Mini Grant committee in the fall, it will need one more committee member as Katie Flaherty is leaving (since her son is graduating from Mountz.)

PTA Teacher Liaison (Mrs. Krebs)

- Mrs. Krebs provided an update on the Monarch Butterflies. The kindergarten and 5th grade students have been busy composting. Please bring in your scraps to Mrs. Krebs. Gina Lu announced she brought in a bag and watched the kindergarten class handle it, it was very educational!

- Library Renovation - We have been in contact with our furniture supplier, everything is moving forward, and we will be placing an order soon. We are getting dry erase tables and stem tables. The plans look really nice! We still need to put a bid out for curtains. Eileen Lin announced the BOE approved their budget and they will be contributing \$20,000 to this renovation. The PTA will provide \$45,000 for furniture and technology, SLED will provide approximately \$14,000 for the remainder. Painting should begin in June and the furniture should arrive in August. If you want to help out, Mrs. Krebs will need volunteers to help with cleaning out the library and decided what stays and what goes. Christine Mawn suggested reaching out to the Manasquan Key Club for volunteers. We should get a committee going to help out!

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. There will be a separate Kitchen Tour meeting sometime next week.

Field Day (Jason Martin)

Monday, June 10th, 8:30-12:40. Rain date Monday, June 17th, 8:30-12:40. Volunteers needed, please contact Jason Martin.

BOE Liaison (Karen Matuch)

Eileen Lin reported on behalf of Karen Matuch. The budget was approved and it included funds for the library renovation. The new school nurse started last week.

Dr. Boccuti's Report

- Congratulations to the exiting PTA board and the newly elected board. Thank you for everything you do and especially thank you this week during Staff Appreciation Week.
- We are very excited to be in collaboration with the PTA and SLED on the Library Renovation. It is important to have a beautiful library in our school.
- Now that we are coming up on the end of the school year, there is a lot going on. We sent out and published all the end of year dates.
- Preview for summer - Camp Invention will be held in August. Spring Lake Heights reached out to ask if they can use 2 of our classrooms over the summer due to their renovation and the board approved. We have a shared services agreement with a few local schools, Wall, Avon, Monmouth Beach and now Spring Lake Heights.
- Current enrollment is 174, I am projecting next year to be approximately 155-165, we get a few walk-ins in the summer.
- The budget has been passed for next year. No course offerings have been eliminated, but some teachers will be moved around.
- We will begin next years schedule once we conclude staffing, IEP placements and middle school exams.
- Does anyone have any questions - no questions were asked.

Announcements

- The following PTA committee chairs are needed, please let us know if you would like to volunteer!
 - Library
 - Picture Day
 - Directory
 - Staff Appreciation, need a co-chair
 - Mini Grants, need one more person on this committee
 - Scholarships, the only restriction is this person cannot have a child in 12th grade.
- Kitchen Tour will be October 19th. Nicole Behler and Cheryl Lynch will co-chair. A meeting will be held sometime next week. We need a volunteer for Ad Sales and Decorator.
- Field Day will be Monday, June 10th, 8:30 - 12:40 pm. If rain date is used, June 10th will be a full day. Rain Date is Monday, June 17th 8:30 - 12:40.
- PTA Year End Party will be Thursday, June 13th, 7:00 - 9:00 at The Breakers. All spouses invited!!!!
- NJHS Induction will be Monday, June 3rd at 7:00 pm
- Sports Awards will be Thursday, June 6th at 2:00 pm. All parents/students are invited to attend.
- Academic Awards will be Wednesday, June 19th at 11:30 am. All parents/students are invited to attend.
- Students will have a 12:40 dismissal Tuesday, June 18th, Wednesday, June 19th and Thursday, June 20th.
- The 8th Grade Picnic will be Tuesday, June 18th.
- The Staff Luncheon at The Breakers date is TBD.
- Report Cards out Thursday, June 20th.
- Graduation will be Thursday, June 20th at 7:00 pm.
- The last day for students will be Thursday, June 20th.
- Full day staff in service Friday, June 21st and Monday, June 24th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Submitted by: Noelle Henry, Recording Secretary