

H.W. Mountz PTA Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

8:47 a.m. Call to Order

Recording Secretary's Report

Mrs. Snyder reported that the October 18, 2016 minutes have been submitted and reviewed. A MOTION was made to approve the minutes, motion seconded and APPROVED by all.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Mrs. Mizhir reported on the following notes of thanks:

- From the Piro Family at 111 Brown Ave. for keeping their home neat during the KT.
- The Luzzi and Callaghan families for remembering them in sympathy.
- Mrs. McGowan for the floral arrangement during her recuperation.
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Treasurer's Report

Mr. Marzullo reported that the Checking account balance is \$141, 041.56 and the Savings account balance is \$4498.23 as of 11/15/16. Reminder – All KT receipts must be submitted to him ASAP.

Mrs. Walsifer's Report (Reporting for Dr. Boccuti as well)

- Strategic Planning Committee – this is in its final stages and the findings will be presented to the BOE at the next meeting.
- The PARCC scores were reviewed at the last BOE meeting; very positive results.
- Student Buddy Activities – increased to once per month. Thank you to lead teachers for orchestrating this.
- Multiple holiday celebrations coming up – stay tuned for dates and check the school website!
- Twitter is currently being piloted within the district
 - Question raised if the school Twitter account could be linked to Facebook; discussion still needs to be had before being feasible at this point.
- Virtual Learning Lab is in use.
 - Discussion took place regarding the cost of virtual class trips and the PTA's role in covering this cost.

Board of Education Update (Mrs. Valori)

- Mrs. Valori stated she is in favor of the BOE supporting the Virtual Learning Lab's projects (ie. virtual class trips) and would like to bring it forward to the rest of the BOE.
- The district's Strategic Plan will be completed in time for the next budget cycle.
- School Grounds Beautification – meeting this month concerning this topic.

Committee Updates

Holiday Gift Fair (Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Rehill)

- Volunteers are needed for the sale on Friday, 12/2 to help the children shop and also to wrap boxes prior to the fair. Will go out on Volunteer Spot next week.
- All students will shop.
- Students will complete a craft during a morning meeting to be hung in the APR for the Fair.

Book Fair (Mrs. Ressa)

- Mrs. Ressa reported that Mrs. Krebs (former Head Librarian) will have a more limited role in the book fair this year due to staff reassignments, thus, more parent volunteers will be needed.

- Mrs. Walsifer asked to clarify Mrs. Krebs' new teaching role.
- Mrs. Valori responded that teacher placement is not a BOE decision, rather a school administration decision.
- The Book Fair will run from 12/6 – 12/8 and 12/7 will be the Family Fun Night.
- Volunteers will be reached through the class parents next week.

Giving Tree (Mrs. Doyle and Mrs. Henry)

- The goal this year is to have the foyer tree up by Thanksgiving with approximately 100 tags.

Kitchen Tour (Mrs. Flaherty)

- Mrs. Flaherty set the date for next year's KT, with the approval of the PTA, for Saturday 10/21. Thank you to ad-sales volunteers and Nicole Behler for chairing the sponsors.
- KT net approx. \$77,000 to date.
- Mrs. Walsifer and Dr. Boccuti thank the PTA for all of the work that goes into the KT, ultimately benefitting the students and school.
- A suggestion was made to raise ticket prices next year to possibly alleviate overcrowding at homes/train station. A discussion took place regarding ticket prices, number sold, and homes featured this year.
- Mrs. Patterson noted that 4 ad-sales that had paid for full color ads come out B&W. Suggestion made to refund the entire amount paid for the ad to the businesses.
 - Additional suggestion made to either refund the difference only, or give the businesses a full credit toward a full color ad next year.
 - Further discussion to take place regarding this topic.

New Business

Community House Holiday Shopping (Mrs. Mawn)

- Mrs. Mawn is reaching out to the Mountz community, on behalf of the Spring Lake Community House, to help shop for the needy of Monmouth and Ocean Co. this holiday season.
- Money and shopping list provided to shop for the family(s).
- Kindly contact Christine Mawn if available to volunteer your shopping time this season: themawns@optonline.net

Announcements

- **NO** PTA meeting in December. See everyone in January!

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Submitted by: Emily Snyder, Recording Secretary