

## H.W. Mountz PTA Minutes

Monday, November 6, 2017

9:05 a.m. Call to Order

### **Recording Secretary's Report**

Noelle Henry reported that the October 2, 2017 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 the S.L.E.A., would like to thank the PTA for the beginning of the year breakfast.
- From Mr. "Z", Chris, Jim and Dominick, would like to thank the PTA for the \$50 gift cards and cookies for National Custodian's Day.

### **Treasurer's Report**

John Marzullo reported on behalf of Diane Moran that the Checking account balance is \$148,164 and the Savings account balance is \$4498.69 as of 11/3/17.

Reminder – All Kitchen Tour receipts must be submitted ASAP.

### **Committee Updates**

#### **Membership** (Suzanne Newman)

- We gained 12 additional PTA members last month and 15 more this month.
- Reminder, membership dues are mandatory in order to be a voting member of the PTA.
- The dues are \$5 per person and \$10 per family. Any extra donations are greatly appreciated.
- Mrs. Callahan requested a list of which staff members have signed up.

#### **Class Parents** (Eileen Lin on behalf of Karen Matuch)

- Class Parents – Please remind your parents to remember their teachers and paraprofessionals during the Holiday season.

#### **Mini Grants** (Katie Flaherty)

- A brief overview of Mini Grants was given.
- This year, the following Mini Grants were approved:

- Flexible Seating for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, Penguins and Bugs & Critters for Kindergarten, Fab@School Maker Studio (great use of the 3D printer), Supplies for Tiger Den Aftercare (The PTA recommended first using existing supplies as well as asking parents for gently used items)
- Total amount approved from Mini Grant Budget for Fall 2017 was \$1,893.50.
- Amount left in 2017-2018 Mini Grant Budget is \$8,106.50.
- The PTA would like more educational requests, especially from the Middle School.

### **Kitchen Tour** (Nicole Behler)

- Next year's Kitchen Tour is scheduled for October 20, 2018.
- This year's tour was a great success and we believe we exceeded last year's fundraising mark.
- Tickets sold out earlier this year than last year. Guests purchasing tickets from stores downtown received a \$5 discount over purchasing tickets on the website due to online fees.
- Following the tour, all committees had a wrap-up meeting to discuss how to better improve next year. Some suggestions included having house captains remain on their shift for a full day and moving the start time to 10:30 a.m.
- Everything at the train station ran smoothly!
- The Ad Sales team yet again exceeded expectations!
- The Teachers that volunteered at a house were great!
- On behalf of the PTA, thank you to all that volunteered. All proceeds go to our children while the community and shops and restaurants in town benefit as well!

### **Dr. Boccuti's Report**

- Dr. Boccuti thanked the PTA for the staff breakfast.
- Following up on the Kitchen Tour, Dr. Boccuti thanked everyone for all the hard work. Dr. Boccuti volunteered at the "staff house" with the teachers and it was a great day.
- Dr. Boccuti thanked the PTA for assisting in launching a great school year.
- STEAM update – Mr. DeStefano and Mrs. Pearce were invited to present at the State Science Convention and now have been invited to present at the National Science Convention!
- Update on the Virtual Learning Lab – Grade 8 students had the opportunity to "meet" with and interview a Holocaust survivor. This should make for a more meaningful trip to the Holocaust Museum this Spring for our students.
- Curriculum update – we have been updating our curriculum to align with the NJ QSAC Requirements. There will be a quality checkpoint on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Parents will have access online to an overview of lesson plans and curriculum for the year.

### **Giving Tree** (Myra Doyle, Noelle Henry)

- A meeting will be held immediately following this meeting to discuss this year's giving tree.

### **Gift Fair** (Cheryl Lynch, Jessica Rehill, Caroline Schiavone)

- The Holiday Gift fair will be held Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Lots of volunteers are needed, here are some ways you can help:
  - Help decorate the APR the week/night before, December 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Pre-wrapping.
  - Volunteer to work a shift the day of. (Cheryl will try to get the teachers schedules to know when your child's class will be shopping).
  - Breakdown/clean up Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Callahan suggested asking the Student Council, NJHS, Girl Scouts or Key Club for help.

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

- The Book Fair will take place the end of February.
- Mrs. Krebs is working with Book Towne in Manasquan to have a shopping day on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> where Mountz families can earn back 15% in books for the library. More info to come.
- The Thanksgiving Food Drive kicked off! Please bring in canned goods and other Thanksgiving themed suggestions, Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Next week is American Education Week. Parents are invited to visit your children's classrooms, a schedule was sent out in last week's Tiger News and is on the website.
- Mrs. Callahan will remind teachers to apply for Mini Grants.

#### **Announcements**

- No PTA meeting in December, the next PTA Meeting will be Monday, January 8 at 9:00 am.
- Holiday Gift fair will be Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, please contact Cheryl Lynch to volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Submitted by: Noelle Henry, Recording Secretary