

## **H.W. Mountz PTA Minutes**

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

8:42 a.m. Call to Order

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

Mrs. Snyder reported that the September 20, 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 Dr. Boccuti for the staff breakfast hosted by the PTA on Columbus Day; extended thanks to Mrs. Mawn.
- From SLEA for the staff breakfast hosted by the PTA on Columbus Day.
- From Mrs. Abbot for the condolence flowers sent to her home.
- From the school custodians for the gifts and lunch provided on Custodian's Day.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Marzullo reported that the Checking account balance is \$138,058.94 and the Savings account balance is \$4498.19 as of 10/18/16.

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

- Dr. Boccuti met with parents in the community who have expressed concern over the safety and timeliness of the bus transportation provided by the district to alternate schools (ie. private and high schools).
  - Dr. Boccuti and Mr. Mackres are looking into alternate transportation providers to switch to at the end of the contractual year.
- The Virtual Learning Lab will be opening this week! Staff has been trained, including going through a "virtual training" program.
- Wednesday night at 7pm a meeting will be held in the APR to discuss the implementation of a new outdoor school information sign. All are welcome.
- The district has launched a new form of communication with parents by way of Twitter. Dr. Boccuti thanks all who have already signed up and encourages additional participation.
  - Dr. Boccuti discussed the safety procedures in place to ensure the privacy of all while starting Twitter in the district.

### **Mrs. Walsifer's Report**

- Mrs. Walsifer reported that the district's Violence Awareness Week is being communicated with a positive undertone as a "Week of Peace" instead. It has been well received by the students.
- PARCC and NJ ASK scores will be shared and celebrated at the next BOE meeting.
- Mrs. Walsifer and the staff look forward to the unveiling of the Virtual Learning Lab this Thursday.

## **New Business**

### 2016-17 Budget Discussion

- Mrs. Flaherty provided the PTA with an overview of the following two new line items, previously mini-grants:
  - Read Across America Program for K-2 (\$2500)
  - Middle School Band Trip in June, plus show (\$3500)
- These two expenses were previously taken out of mini-grants, however, they have been reoccurring for multiple years.
- Suggestions made for band members to fundraise to help offset the cost of this expense should further monies be needed.
- A MOTION was made to make “Read Across America” and “Middle School Band Trip” separate line items in the budget, each totaling \$2500 and \$3500, respectively. Motion seconded and APPROVED by all.

## **Committee Updates**

### Enrichment

- Mrs. Lin reported that enrichments have gotten off to a very positive start for 2016-17 school year with the use of Eventbrite for sign-ups.
- All five enrichments are almost at capacity, including: Legos, chess, mandarin, environmental club, and the garden club. 40 students enrolled.
- Thank you to Eileen Lin and Oyuna Marcello for chairing this committee.

### Membership

All Mountz parents and teachers are encouraged to sign up for the PTA. Forms provided.

### Giving Tree

- Myra Doyle and Noelle Henry volunteered to chair this important committee for the months of November/December. Thank you Myra and Noelle!

## **Announcements**

- All members encouraged to stay after the PTA meeting for the final Kitchen Tour meeting of 2016.
- Next PTA Meeting is TUESDAY, November 15, at 8:40am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Submitted by: Emily Snyder, Recording Secretary