

## H.W. Mountz PTA Minutes

Monday, September 11, 2017

9:05 a.m. Call to Order

### Recording Secretary's Report

Noelle Henry reported that the August 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 Ms. Gammond for the H.W. Mountz Scholarship.
- From Mrs. Penrod on behalf of the Mountz Band and Chorus for the trip to Cats.
- From Mr. Tichacek for the PTA Scholarship.
- From the Taylor and White families for the flowers in our time of need.

### Treasurer's Report

No updates.

### Committee Updates

#### Kitchen Tour (Nicole Behler)

- Will be held October 21, 2017.
- 7 houses have been secured.
- The trolley is booked.
- 6 restaurants are confirmed.
- After-party is set.
- We expect to be sold out by the end of the week with approximately 900 tickets sold.
- The Advertising sales team is doing a great job! Please contact Cheryl Lynch with advertising inquiries.
- Cheryl Lynch reported we are 95% confirmed with decorators.
- Please volunteer to help with organizing the supply closet and purchasing new supplies, contact Nicole Behler.
- Thank you to all the committees for your hard work!

#### Class Parents (Karen Matuch)

- Almost all homerooms have class parents confirmed, still working a getting a few volunteers for 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

- Class parents are encouraged to use SignUp Genius to collect items from other parents. Each class has a \$100 budget.
- A meeting will most likely be set up in the next week or 2 for class parents.

#### **Beach Day** (Eileen Lin on behalf of Marie Reed)

- This year's Beach Day was a huge success with many attendees including new families!
- The addition of DJ Jersey Joe was a big help and some suggested that the DJ be the judge in all contests next year.

#### **Enrichment** (Eileen Lin on behalf of Oyuna Marcello)

- Fall enrichment will begin the week of September 25<sup>th</sup>, Mad Science will begin the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October.
  - Monday – Guitar
  - Wednesday – Chess and Garden Club
  - Thursday – Mad Science
- Flyers will be up on the website this week.
- Sign-ups can be done via Eventbrite.com
- Mad Science sign-ups must be done on the Mad Science web site – this one sells out quick!
- Camp Invention was held over the summer and was a huge success! An extra instructor was needed at the last minute due to high enrollment.

#### **Facebook Page** (Denise Monello)

- The PTA Facebook page has been changed from an organization (public) to a group (private) so that only Mountz families will have access. Parents will receive invitations to “like” the page.
- Announcements will be made via this Facebook page so please “like” our page!
- Thank you to Denise Monello for doing a great job!

#### **Staff Appreciation** (John Stickle)

- Mrs. Krebs thanked John Stickle and the committee for the catered welcome back lunch.

#### **New Business**

#### **2017-2018 Budget**

- Diane Moran provided an overview of the 2017-18 school year budget and changes made to the budget for the current school year. A copy of the budget was distributed to all.
- Line items that were highlighted included Kitchen Tour, Book Fair, Class Parents, Climate Committee, Community Service, Enrichment Programs, Middle School Band Trip, Playground & Beautification, Read Across America and STEAM Maker Stations.
- Middle School Band Trip and Read Across America had previously been included in Mini Grants now will have their own line item.

- A discussion took place regarding Chromebook covers. The PTA had previously purchased Chromebook covers, but this year, they were on the back to school supply list for parents to purchase. Dr. Boccuti will work with the Technology Coordinator, Mr. Soto, who will prepare a recommendation for the PTA's review and consideration.
- A discussion took place regarding Staff Appreciation \$50 gift cards. A **MOTION** was made to allow the Staff Appreciation Committee to purchase these gift cards throughout the year as needed, motion seconded and **APPROVED** by 15.

A **MOTION** was made to approve the PTA 2017-18 budget, motion seconded and **APPROVED** by 14.

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

- The staff and students attended a Patriots Day Ceremony and the children were asked to recognize and thank the Police and First Responders.
- A lot of work took place this summer to get the school ready for the new year. The sign is up, the fence is almost complete and the schedule is just about set.
- Positive feedback has been received with the first day of school opening and many parents attended the PTA coffee.
- Beach Day was a huge success.
- Our curriculum updates are up to state standards, (and some up to national standards). A one to two page summary will be available on the website to parents as a resource.
- The next level of our curriculum update will focus on lesson plans.
- We would like to know if we are getting all the information out as needed to parents via Tiger News on Fridays, e-blast, Superintendent blog.
- The PTA would like to have a link on the homepage for parents to access easily.
- The new school app is under development.
- A discussion took place regarding the new nut allergy awareness endeavors. Parents expressed their confusion on the matter. The initial email message set forth 3 prudent points to start a dialogue with much more information to come.

### **Announcements**

- Next PTA Meeting will be Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am.
- Back to School Night for Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade is September 12 and 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade is September 14.
- Picture Day is September 19.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Submitted by: Noelle Henry, Recording Secretary