



Fort Washington Elementary School PTA Minutes
General Membership Meeting
February 8, 2017

PTA President Debbie Rothkopf called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. A quorum was established.

Principal's Report, Shawn McAleer

- Plans underway to bring back AM Academy, which started under former Principal William DelCollo. It provides one on one or two to one tutoring for students needing extra help. AM Academy sessions would be thirty minutes, once a week.
- Wants to continue to increase staff morale building activities such as the recent "Souper Bowl," where staff brought in food to share for lunch.
- At the upcoming Town Meeting, Ms. Padova will be presenting recognition for twelve students who have shown growth, creativity or extra effort in Art. It is part of the plan to have more opportunity for individual recognition for students. Students selected for their Kindness Project writing will also be recognized.
- A new dismissal procedure will start March 1st for walkers who used to exit via the front door. Starting March 1st, front door walkers will dismiss at the door at the end of the kindergarten hallway towards Highland Ave. This is being done for safety reasons and to alleviate the congestion and at the front door where the bus students exit.

Teacher/Staff Liasons, Mr. Bush, Ms. Padova, Mr White

- Thanked the PTA for the continued support and for the mindfulness program. He finds benefit from practicing mindfulness in his personal life as well. Also thanked the PTA for the funds for Reading Olympics.

School Board Report, Sara Rothman

- Gave a presentation about the duties of the School Board members and the district structure.
- The board president is Art Levinovitz, Upper Dublin School District has 4200 students and a 98 million dollar budget. School board members serve a four year term, live in the community, are unpaid volunteers and work often more than fifteen hours a week on school board responsibilities.
- Legislative meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month starting at 7 PM .Upcoming board and committee meetings are listed on the district calendar on the website.

Business Meeting:

- January minutes were unanimously approved.
- PTA Treasurer Sherri Gregg gave her report (follows).

- The new PTA Nominating Committee was approved and includes Julie Clark, Maureen Ryan and Christina Sunday.

Announcements and Committees:

- The next PTA meeting is March 15th at 7 PM in the library. A presentation about mindfulness by Jacqui O'Malley will be held before the meeting at 6:30 PM.
- Bingo Night is Friday, February 10th at 6:15PM
- Science Fair is March 8th.
- Coffee with Mr. McAleer and Dr. Minor on Wednesday February 15th.
- Yearbooks for sale online now.
- Jump for Life assembly is March 17th.
- After School Activities will run Tuesdays and Thursdays from January 31st through March 9th.
- Burning for Learning fun run and 5K is April 23rd, registration is open.

Thank You:

- Michelle Haggerty for organizing, coordinating and setting up the After School Activities program.
- FWES parent volunteers who teach After School Activities: Jenn Fountain, Barb Mass, Debbie Pileggi Liz Huttie, Pam Olshefski and Ian McGarvey. And Lisa Lester and Mia Payne for overseeing ASA.
- Jen Kuznits for her school beautification projects.
- Liz Padova for all the bright student artwork decorating the school's halls.

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Debbie Rothkopf thanked all for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Minutes prepared by Mia Payne, on March 8, 2017.

Treasurer's Report
February 8, 2017
(January 12-February 8)

Deposits:

Pretzel income:	\$ 210.00
Cup stacking t-shirts:	620.00
ASA	65.00
ACH rebate	1.60

Total:	\$ 896.60
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Withdrawals/Checks:

Ambler Apparel	\$ 650.00
Cup stacking	47.49
Perkiomen Motor Coach	4050.00
MCIU, Reading Olympics	195.00
Beautification:	42.97
Bingo supplies:	480.78
PA sales tax 4Q2016	397.77

Total:	\$ 5864.01
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