

PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 15 at 9:45 PM

Meeting Open and Welcome Remarks

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:50 AM

Christina Walsh opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and asked everyone to review the minutes

Teacher's Report

Mrs. Landman (Grades K-3)

2nd Grade going on a field trip to LICM

- Learning about mapping and class will work to create a map to find a treasure
- Linked to their lessons on geography in class

1st Grade

- Chicks coming this week
- Amazing how much they learn with the chicks project and so exciting
- Learning and publishing stories on non-fiction

Mrs. Crimarco (4-6 Report)

- Thank you for the Teacher Appreciation week
- Plant Sale was great

Principal's Report

- Science State Assessments for the 4th Grade coming up, EEL for 6th grade, and Field Tests
 - Christina Walsh - asked what is a Field Test and Mrs. Dano explained it is a test to test the questions
- Literacy Day is tomorrow as well as school Board and budget vote
- Security for Literacy Day
 - cannot use bracelets to identify people, what we will do this year is have people participating in Literacy Day sign in through the cafeteria
 - We cannot block off building during voting, but there are security measures in place
 - The children are pretty much on lockdown during the day. They are not allowed to wander the halls
 - Extra security staff and custodial staff in place
 - There will be staff with alpha lists for check-in
 - Mrs. Hellman asked if she could post info on FB, as a note was not sent home
 - Mrs. Dano apologized about late notice and said it could be posted on FB
- Sheila Grauling asked about getting more advanced notice on events such as Band/Orchestra concerts on what children need, attire, etc?
 - Mrs. Dano pointed out the dates are on the calendar at the beginning of the year and notices should have gone home
 - Mrs. Dano apologized for the slow/lack of communication lately regarding upcoming events, as she was away from the office
- Memorial Day Program
 - Grades 3-6 to watch and band/orchestra members selected in grades 4, 5, 6 to participate
 - Weather permitting it will take place outside at 2PM and parents/guests invited to attend. If it is held inside, due to weather, students only and invited guests
 - 5th and 6th grade speakers
- Sheila Grauling asked Mrs. Dano to follow-up on the milk in the cafeteria

- Lisa Brzezinski asked Mrs. Dano about the dead birds that the children have been finding on the grass field during recess and gym. Mrs. Dano was not aware, but will look into it and speak to the building and grounds crew
- Christina Walsh asked Mrs. Dano when the monitors would hand out bean bags for new blacktop games. Mrs. Dano said she would follow up with the lunch monitors

Treasurer's Report

Tara Tarasi

- Opening balance as of 4/1 was \$20,385.64 and closing balance was \$29,032.09
- Wizards overall made over \$12K
 - Mrs. Dano thanked all staff, parents and volunteers for a great event

Corresponding Secretary

Tara Ferrara

- Camryn Bonetti - a thank you for funding and approving blacktop project
- Mrs. Lidonocci - thank you card for Optical Illusions (Arts in Ed)
- Mrs. McLaughlin - thank you for the mixed bags gift. Mrs. McLaughlin's class sold the most for mixed bags fundraiser

Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from April - Sue Foran and motion seconded by Ilene Hellman

President's Report

Sheila Grauling

- Thank you to Laura Lucchi and Chrisoula Fosorile for plant sale and all the volunteers
- Thank you to Kathleen Romano and Gina Vitale for coordinating Teacher Appreciation week. Catered lunch from Zona on Monday and provided treats for staff Tuesday through Friday
- Thank you to Randi Jankowski for all her work on Kindergarten Orientation. It ran very smoothly
- Fairfield PTA is hosting the Massapequa Council Installation Dinner on Monday, June 12 at Ames Cafetorium- in need of 8-10 volunteers to help
- Field Day - volunteers need to be emailed to Kathleen Romano and Theresa Alini. If you are not on the list you will not be allowed in the day of the event. Must be a paid PTA member to volunteer
- Thank you to Tara Tarasi and Tara Ferrara for their hard work and dedication for the past 2 years
- As the school year comes to a close, we are planning for next year. Since this has been a unique year with two grades moving on from Fairfield; the PTA is losing some very involved members. In order to hold the events we had this year and possibly other events, we need your help. We need committee chairs so if you have not signed up yet to chair a committee yet, please give it some thought, without your help, we can't hold these events.
- There are several committees that still need chairs/volunteers for next school year:
 - Back to School BBQ - needs to be planned over the summer, please consider chairing or ask friends

Upcoming Events

- 5/21 - LI Ducks Game
- 5/22 - Reflections Awards Ceremony
- 5/22 - PTA Awards Dinner
- 5/25 - Blood Drive

Blood Drive**Ilene Hellman**

- Blood Drive scheduled for 5/25
- Need to load in after 3:15, so start at 4:30 PM
- Need to be out by 10PM

PTA Awards**Nalini Hayes**

- Awards dinner on 5/22
- Email needs to go out to staff to let them know

BOE Report**Marie Festa**

- School budget vote tomorrow as well BOE member vote. 2 seats open, 3 candidates running
- Proposed budget - \$194,619, 501
- Next BOE meeting is 5/18
- Assembly"person" vote on 5/23

SEPTA**Marie Festa**

SEPTA Awards on are 6/8

Additional Questions/Comments

Sheila Grauling asked Mrs. Dano about 3rd grade field trip? Mrs. Dano said she did not have info. Sheila said it is just a planning point about getting info out to the parents in time to make arrangements, chaperones, etc.

Mrs. Dano pointed out that there is so much planning that goes into a field trip. Mrs. Landman agreed and said a trip to the Central Avenue Library took a while to plan, busing, etc.

Tatum Salembier asked Mrs. Dano when 5th Grade Chairs and committee will be notified? Mrs. Dano said they have not been notified yet, but will be notified shortly

Meeting concluded at 10:20 AM

Meeting Attendees

Maria Conanty, Bernadette Pecorino, Patricia Despagni, Kelly Rowland, Lisa Brzezinski, Randi Jankowski, Tara Ferrara, Tara Tarasi, Sue Foran, Jenn Lopez, Tatum Salembier, Sheila Grauling, Christina Walsh, Nalini Hayes, Marie Festa, Mrs. Landman, Mrs. Crimarco, Mrs. Gerhard, Mrs. Dano