

Nesaquake PTA Meeting Minutes – 2/11/15

Meeting called to order – 10:10 am

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to waive reading of previous month's minutes – seconded.

Dr. Simmons – Principal's Report

- Islanders Fundraiser great success. Great job by chorus singing Star Spangled Banner at game.
- Health & Wellness – Mr. Davis introduced Farmigo to school. Type of farmers market – orders placed by Thursday to pick up goods Monday at school. All products sold are local (regional). Receive 40% off first order. School receives 10% of sales, which will go towards repairing greenhouse and have students plant herb garden. Spread the word.

Mr. Furey – Asst. Principal's Report

- NAPE tests being administered at school today, as per letter sent home to students participating.
- Discussed charity at school. Very impressed with students initiating food drives, clothing drives, etc. Upcoming will be book drive. Reminder of St. Baldrick lollipop sales on 3/23. \$1/each, sold at lunch. Proceeds to children's cancer.

President's Report – Catherine Amicizia

- Book Faeries – will be collecting books 3/9 – 3/27. Donations to be sorted by age/genre, and returned to organization for distribution to needy families. Flyers will be distributed and posters hung as reminders.
- There will be a 10 week Robotics program at NMS for 7 & 8 grades. Thursdays as of 3/3. Cost \$250.
- Start thinking about nominations for 2015/16 PTA Board – will discuss next meeting. Smithtown Council PTA noms in April.
- Smithtown Time Capsule – 65 yrs old. Will be opened 3/3, 7:00 pm at SCPA. Part of 350th celebration . New capsule to be buried – looking for suggestions. Go to Smithtown350foundation.org. Also, photography contest grades K-12. Take selfies at historical places in Smithtown.
- Financial business- AIE needs additional funds this year. Per Christine Hall, Chairpeson, not enough funds for end of year program. Unexpected cost of \$10/student for program celebrating Smithtown's 360th. Asking for \$4000. Motion to increase budget line for Cultural Arts by \$4000 is approved.
- Yearbook Committee requesting additional \$189 in order to add 4 pages to yearbook. Motion approved.
- Need to find out from Mr. Furey why cost for All Star Student program is \$400/quarter.
- Agenda's – would it save money to give smaller agenda's to 7th & 8th graders? Will find out.

Fundraising Report

- Mixed Bags sale to begin 3/2 and run for 2 weeks. McDonald's Night in April. More info next month.

Citizens' Advisory Committee

- Agreed to advise closure of elementary school in 2016-2017. New committee will be convened to look into closing middle school in 2022-2023.
- Recommendation ONLY – nothing decided yet. Board will decide which school if one closes. Also looking into possibility of redistricting.
- Draft is written by committee and will be revised at their next meeting and presented to BOE on 3/24/15

Cultural Arts

- Upcoming – Weather Program for 6th grade, DNA Lab for 8th grade, and Star Lab Program for 7th grade.

Membership

- Membership is low – please try to encourage parents and teachers to join PTA.

Thank you to Dr. Simmons for allowing SJE to use Nesaquake for their concert.

8th Grade Social – Nancy Young

- Date set for Friday June 12th. Looking for Jeep to park in front of building for photo op.
- Less food this year, more drinks. Many decorations saved from last year – don't need too much.
- Looking into possibility of Mr. Posner dj'ing.

11:00 am - Meeting adjourned