

Meeting: Nesaquake Middle School PTA Meeting
Date: October 8, 2014 10:00AM
Location: Nesaquake Middle School Auditorium
Chairperson: Catherine Amicizia (PTA President)
Recording Secretary: James Wallmuller

Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting Called To Order – 10AM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to waive reading of meeting minutes. Motion seconded.
4. Dr. Simmons' (Principal) Report
 - a. The school year is off to a fantastic start
 - b. The goal of Nesaquake Middle School educators is to make every child ready for college and their career
 - c. Common Core Test Score Results
 - i. Some students fell just below the level of "college / career ready"; however, they are still doing outstanding work
 - ii. Different districts had different versions
 - iii. State has only released 30% of last year's test
 - iv. "Opt Out" Movement
 1. 120 ELA students opted out last year (78 of the 120 opted out prior to Day 1 of testing)
 2. Children that opted out after the first or second day of testing caused lower average score in Smithtown because the children automatically got a zero for the remainder of the days they did not participate
 - d. Field Testing
 - i. These tests help to create questions for state exams in the future
5. Mr. Furey's (Assistant Principal) Report
 - a. Common Core Update
 - i. Last year was a "large learning curve but the students have gotten stronger"
 - b. Red Ribbon Week (Week of 10/27 through 10/31)
 - c. Sexual Harassment Workshops
 - d. Anti-bullying message
 - i. Key message at Nesaquake
 - e. Overall the school year is off to a great start
6. Teacher Liaison
 - a. No Teacher Liaison present for update
7. Executive Committee Report
 - a. President Report

- i. Meet The Teacher Night
 - 1. Grade 6 and Team 7A had Meet The Teacher Night on 10/1
 - 2. Team 7B and Grade 8 will have Meet The Teacher Night on 10/8
- ii. Friday (October 10) will be a half day for students
 - 1. Students will attend the first four periods
- iii. October 24 – 6th Grade Halloween Social (3-5PM)
- iv. November 13 – Picture Retake Day
- v. Club Meetings
 - 1. Science Olympiad Meeting – After School – October 9
 - 2. 7th & 8th Grade Activity Club – 2:45-3:45PM
 - 3. Breakfast Club with Mr. Davis – 7:15AM – Friday’s
- vi. October 31 – Popcorn Friday
- vii. November 12 – Next PTA Meeting (7:30PM)
 - 1. Superintendent will be present
- viii. October 18 – High School East Homecoming
 - 1. Parade at 12:30PM and Game at 2PM
- ix. October 22 – Parent University at High School West
 - 1. 7-9PM
 - 2. Workshops Include: Homework Help, Nutrition / Wellness, Stress Reduction, Time Management, etc.
- x. October 14 – Board of Education Meeting
- xi. October 24 – High School East “Spooky Halls”
- b. Treasurer Report
 - i. \$11,005.60 – Opening Balance At Beginning of Year
 - ii. Change To Budget:
 - 1. All Star Program Donation (\$400.00) voted in
 - 2. \$424.91 in revenue from Popcorn Friday (9/19)
- c. Vice President of Programming
 - i. No current report
- d. Vice President of Fundraising
 - i. Yankee Candle Event – September 29 through October 10
 - 1. Extra packets available at “Meet The Teacher” Nights
 - 2. 6 Total Orders so far – NEED MORE ORDERS!
 - ii. Restaurant Fundraisers
 - 1. October 28 – McDonald’s in St. James (5PM – 8PM)
 - a. Need to mention you are from Nesaquake
 - b. If successful, McDonald’s agreed to have a fundraiser once a quarter
 - 2. November 10 – Azafran (4PM – 9PM)
 - a. 430 North Country Road St. James – (631)686-6506
 - b. If successful, agreed to have a fundraiser once a month
 - c. Take out is also available!

- e. Council Delegate
 - i. Red Ribbon Week (10/27-10/31)
 - 1. Visit www.stopbullying.org for more information
8. Committee Chair Reports
- a. Board of Education (BoE)
 - i. Still in need of a representative
 - b. Beautification
 - i. Planted Evergreen Trees in front of Nesaquake
 - c. Blood Drive
 - i. Currently organizing – More information to come!
 - d. Box Tops
 - i. Deadline is October 28
 - ii. Goal is \$1,000 for this year
 - iii. Last year we exceeded our goal of \$500
 - iv. There is a contest!
 - e. Cultural Arts
 - i. Sexual Harassment Avoidance – October 14
 - ii. Anti-bullying speaker
 - f. 8th Grade Social
 - i. Very successful last year
 - ii. June 12, 2015 is the date!
 - g. Facebook / Website
 - i. Go to the Nesaquake PTA Facebook Page and “Like” It!
 - h. Health
 - i. “Farm To School” Program
 - ii. Snack Regulations
 - iii. Improving Aesthetics of Kitchen – i.e. Colors, etc.
 - i. Membership
 - i. PTA Dues are currently being accepted
 - ii. Dues are \$10
 - iii. Currently 99 memberships
 - j. Popcorn Friday
 - i. Dates for 2014 / 2015 School Year are: 9/19, 10/31, 11/21, 1/30, 2/27, 3/27, 5/29
 - ii. Bring just \$1
 - k. SEPTA
 - i. \$10 Membership Fee
 - ii. Sports Arena Fundraiser (October 17)
 - 1. \$15 Per Person
 - iii. For more information: <http://www.smithtownsepta.com/>
 - iv. 13% of Smithtown are SEPTA children
 - v. December 1 – Decentralizing of Special Education

1. Special Education students will be back in the schools
- I. Spirit Wear
 - i. Will be sold at "Meet The Teacher" Night (October 8)
 - ii. Form is on PTA Website (<http://www.nesaquakepta.com/spiritwear.html>)
 - iii. Fill out Forms Monday through Thursday and you will receive your order on Friday's
- m. Yearbook
 - i. Main Contact – Mr. Furey
 - ii. On Sale through December 19!
9. New Business
 - a. No Comments
10. Meeting Adjourned – 11:19AM