

Meeting: Nesaquake Middle School PTA Meeting
Date: March 11, 2015 7:30PM
Location: Nesaquake Middle School Lunch Room
Chairperson: Kathy Hurski (1st VP of Programming)
Recording Secretary: James Wallmuller

Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting Called To Order – 7:36PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to waive reading of meeting minutes. Motion seconded.
4. Dr. Simmons' (Principal) Report
 - a. Opt Out Movement (NYS Common Core Tests)
 - i. In order for a student to Opt Out, the school needs an original signature from the parent of the child
 - ii. If no original signature (i.e. email), a phone call to the parents will be made
 - iii. If child starts the Common Core tests, the child will not allowed to Opt Out during day 2 or three
 - b. If budget passes this year, the average students per class would be 29.7-29.8
 - c. St. James Elementary and Dogwood Elementary are the “feeder” schools for Nesaquake
 - d. All 3 Middle Schools should be open for several more years
 - e. Agenda Update
 - i. There were discussions about possibly using smaller agendas for 7th and 8th Graders
 1. This would save only \$180 a year
 2. Smaller agenda idea was declined
5. Mr. Furey's (Assistant Principal) Report
 - a. School is running very smoothly
 - b. Generous Student Body
 - i. Many fundraisers happening right now: Teens For Jeans, Cleats Drive, Book Drive
 - ii. Student body is very empathetic
 - c. Sixth Graders had a Weather Show from the Franklin Institute
 - i. Learned about Hurricanes, Volanoes, etc
 - d. 8th Graders had a visit from the DNA lab from Cold Spring Harbor Labs
 - e. NYS Assessments (Common Core) Tests
 - i. ELA – April 14 – April 17
 1. Make Up Dates Following Week
 - ii. Math – April 22 – April 24
 1. Make Up Dates Following Week

- 6. Teacher Liaison
 - a. Students and Teachers are preparing for NYS Assessments
- 7. Executive Committee Report
 - a. President Report
 - i. President Meeting last month was cancelled
 - b. Treasurer Report
 - i. \$14,081.27 – Current Balance
 - ii. PTA Membership is very low
 - 1. Join today!
 - c. Vice President of Programming
 - i. No Report
 - d. Vice President of Fundraising
 - i. Mixed Bag Orders
 - 1. Currently in Progress
 - ii. Prism Hair Salon Fundraiser
 - 1. May 13 (5-8PM)
 - a. Shampoo, Cut, and Blow Dry (\$25)
 - b. Must mention Nesaquake Middle School!
 - iii. Clothing Drive Proposal
 - 1. 20 Cents Per Pound (Minimum of 100 Bags required)
 - 2. Toys, Bikes, Shoes, Clothes, etc are all accepted
 - 3. Tentative Date: Beginning of May
 - 4. More Details To Come!
 - iv. McDonald’s Fundraiser in the near future
 - 1. St. James McDonalds
 - 2. More Details To Come!
 - v. 7th Grade Movie Night
 - 1. Hosted By Mr. Savage
 - 2. April 17th
 - 3. Showing “The Goonies”
 - e. Council Delegate Report
 - i. PTA Bylaws Updated Soon
 - ii. Parent University
 - 1. Smithtown HS East
 - 2. March 25th 7-9PM
 - iii. 2 Fashion Shows (One for SHS East and one for SHS West)
 - 1. SHS West
 - a. March 19th at Flowerfields
 - 2. SHS East
 - a. March 26th at Flowerfields
 - 3. All Proceeds go to Scholarship Fund
 - iv. Budget Vote Deadline

1. April 14th
 2. Vote for Cap Fund also during Budget Vote
 - a. This is for updating the buildings
 3. Budget vote will be in May
 - v. DECA (SHS Business Clubs)
 1. Competed at NYS competitions
 - a. 41 out of 70 students came back with medals
 - b. 8 students will compete in National Competitions
 - vi. Young People Concert for 5th Graders
 1. March 26
 2. SHS East
 - vii. Board Position for SEPTA is open
 - viii. Board Positions for Nesaquake PTA for next year are open
8. Committee Chair Reports
- a. Facebook / Website
 - i. Go to the Nesaquake PTA Facebook Page and “Like” It!
 - b. Membership
 - i. PTA Dues are currently being accepted
 - ii. Dues are \$10
 - c. Popcorn Friday
 - i. Dates Remaining for 2014 / 2015 School Year are: 3/27 & 5/29
 - ii. Bring just \$1
 - d. Yearbook
 - i. On Sale Now! – Right now 162 Sold!
 - ii. \$30
9. New Business
- a. No New Business
10. Meeting Adjourned – 8:10PM