



**Fort Washington Elementary School PTA Minutes
General Membership Meeting
June 8, 2016**

New PTA President Debbie Rothkopf called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was established.

Principal's Report, Stephanie Hultquist

- Presented tutorial on using the school district Home Access Center (HAC) to update information over the summer. Using the HAC, parents are able to update contact information and emergency contacts, opt-in or out of having their child (ren)'s name and/or photo included in District publications, acknowledge acceptance of the District's Acceptable Use Policy and Administrative Regulation #815, opt-in to the school directory published by their school's PTO/PTA and to customize what family/student information is shared in those publications. Parents can access the Home Access Center from the udsd.org website, under "Quick Links," which also contains a video tutorial for how to update demographic information. If parents require login/password information, please contact Ginny Heiss (gheiss@udsd.org).
- Introduced proposed mindfulness sessions by Jacquie O'Malley, of Project Mindful (projectmindful.org). Nearly all teachers are very interested in the program which will include two parent meetings, one all staff training, and 20 minute sessions, two times a week for eight weeks with a randomly selected group of classes. Special area teachers will also attend sessions. Time for the program will be the morning meeting time of the day. Teachers and staff are asking the PTA to fund project. Also, Guidance Counselor Debbie Einhorn is working on getting mindfulness certification. Benefits of mindfulness training for students include: better focus and concentration, decreased stress, improved school-wide culture and climate, stronger impulse control, increased calm, increased empathy and understanding of others. Frith deKerillis, a second grade teacher at Erdenheim Elementary, gave a testimonial about the many benefits she has experienced personally, as a teacher and with her students using mindfulness techniques.
- There will be a parent night with information about the district's new Language Arts curriculum, Ready Gem. It will be implemented in the fall and allows for more differentiation of instruction.

School Board Report, Sara Rothman

- Electrical updates are being completed at FWES. Also, 3M film is being applied to windows to help reduce heat. The transportation department will be evaluating bus routes once again, more information to come.
- The next school board legislative meeting will be Monday, June 13th at 7PM in the UDHS Cardinal Room.

Business Meeting:

- May minutes were unanimously approved.
- The proposed mindfulness project was unanimously approved for PTA funding.
- PTA Treasurer Sherri Gregg gave her report (follows).

Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Chromebook skins to personalize and protect the devices are being sold for \$19.99 each to benefit the fifth grade trip. Print order forms and an email went out with information. It is also available on the fwpta.org website under Forms and Flyers.
- Debbie Rothkopf presented DirectorySpot.net, a possible alternative to the current student directory. It is an app that would be accessible with a password. It is also possible to print a hard copy. Discussions will continue over the summer about logistics and feasibility of this new format and tool.

PTA President Debbie Rothkopf thanked the following on behalf of the PTA:

- Michelle Haggerty and Julie Clark for their service on the PTA board
- Ginny Heiss, Robert Dean and the entire FWES for all you do all year long
- Ginny Vitella and Julia Watt for the Big Strides program
- Mia Payne and Julie Haberbusch for the Spring Fair
- Ginny Vitella, Basha Gardner, Sussanah McCarthy, Mr. McAleer and the 9th grade helpers: Molly Gardner, Natalie Sacco, Claire Mullen, Alexis Clement and Anna Tomko for the fifth grade play
- Heather D'Angelo, ate St. Clair, Jackie Reynolds, and Eileen Sandifer for the fifth grade picnic
- Ginny Vitella and the Gewartowskis for the fifth grade time capsule
- Donna Murphy for assemblies
- Jennifer Kuznits for school beautification
- Jesse Conte, Julie Clark and Justine Shervin for Cashback programs and events
- Judy Yoon and Ashley Frearson for Cradles to Crayons
- Leslie DiMartile and Staci Hoffman for Field Day
- Victoria Racz and Eileen Sandifer for Pretzels
- Pam Olshefski for Remembrance
- Julia Watt, Julie Clark and Sherri Gregg for Spirit Wear
- Pam Olshefski and Jamie Jakubowitz for School Store
- Jennifer Iannitti and Sandra Atherholt for Yearbook

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14th, 7pm, in the library.

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

Minutes prepared by Mia Payne, on June 13, 2016.

**Treasurer's Report
June 8, 2016**

Deposits:

Spring Fair	
Presales:	\$ 1015.00
Petty Cash Return:	\$ 600.00
Donation:	\$ 300.00
Ticket Sales:	\$ 1345.00
Food Income:	\$ 1578.00
Raffle Baskets Income:	\$ 1127.00
Spirit Wear:	\$ 68.00
Target for Education:	\$ 400.00
Total:	\$ 6433.00

Checks

Teacher Luncheon:	\$ 166.85
Spring Fair games/prizes:	\$ 24.38
Third grade field trip:	\$ 33.00
Burning for Learning UDSD:	\$ 325.00
Spring Fair food:	\$ 374.66
Spring Fair rentals:	\$ 614.74
Spring Fair crafts:	\$ 40.39
Spring Fair raffle baskets:	\$ 512.57
Historic Philadelphia:	\$ 1438.40
National Constitution Center:	\$ 1159.00
Scholastic Books:	\$ 638.65
Yearbook party:	\$ 22.00
Septa 4 th grade trip:	\$ 736.60
Book Buddy:	\$ 122.00
UDSD 2 nd grade transportation:	\$ 278.81
Remembrance:	\$ 75.00
Philly Soft Pretzel (May):	\$ 266.00
Custodian gifts:	\$ 325.00
Field Day Popsicles:	\$ 94.23
Office Supplies:	\$ 15.99
School wide gifts:	\$ 1540.37
Total:	\$ 8803.64