
A. MacArthur Barr Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 @ 7:00pm Media Center

In Attendance: Barr PTA Board (Scott Walters, President, Beth Chernick/Kwana Del Villar, Co-Vice President, Lori Miceli, Treasurer, Ellie Diaz-Walters, Secretary), Roger Guccione (Principal Barr MS), Maureen Hofving (Barr MS Teacher Representative / Liaison), 8 parents.

Agenda:

1. Pledge
2. Approval of September 25, 2018 Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Principal's Report
5. Teacher Representative Report
6. Old Business
 - a. Picture Day Update
 - b. Cookie Dough Update
 - c. Halloween Howl Update
 - d. Other Events Update
 - e. Membership Update
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

Meeting Minutes:

1. **Minutes Approval:**
 - a. September 25, 2018 Minutes were discussed.
 - b. Motion made to approve the September 25, 2018 Minutes, was seconded and accepted.
 2. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Current Bank Balance is \$14,468.09
 - b. Deposits have been made for Cookie Dough Fundraiser, Halloween Howl Event and Membership Dues
 - c. Events funded by Barr PTA: 5th Grade Picnic and Chelsea Pier Trip
 - d. Motion made to approve the Treasurer Report, was seconded and accepted
 3. **Principal's Report:**
 - a. Mr. Guccione talked about the upcoming 8th grade Halloween Parade/Contest and requested about 50 gift cards from the Barr PTA to give as prizes. He also talked about the upcoming Halloween Night for Grade 7 to take place on Friday, October 26th from 7pm to 9pm.
 - b. Inquired about any possible feedback from the 7th/8th Grade Meet the Teachers Night and the bus/bell schedule.
 - c. Mr. Guccione addressed concern of parents re: the Bomb Threat at the High School. Parents concerned that Barr MS was too close to the HS and that an alternative site is needed. Mr. Guccione informed the parents that there is an alternative site in the District's Emergency Plan. Mr. Gravius, retired Ramapo PD, assured the parents in attendance that we should let the professional do their jobs. They are trained to handle these situations.
 4. **Teacher Representative:**
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- a. Maureen Hofving (PTA Teacher Liaison) spoke briefly about what each grade level is doing. Grade 5 has started the DARE Program, Team Building, Fire Assembly and that Grade 8 is scheduled to have a Team Building event.

5. Old Business:

- a. **Picture Day Update** - Picture Day went smoothly. Sibling Pictures will be October 29th at Highview, Retakes will be Nov 5th
- b. **Cookie Dough Update** - Fundraiser completed. Thanks to Chairperson, Missy Vanderploeg and PTA Board Liaison, Beth Chernick. Parents will be informed when the cookie dough orders will be available..
- c. **Halloween Howl Update** - Halloween Howl is Friday October 19th. Procured are volunteers, the DJ, Photo Booth, snacks. The committee decided that the format will be more dance time with the entire grade participating, Mummy Room, Photo /Snack Room. Decorating Committee will meet at 3pm. All other volunteers are to report at 6:30pm. Possible Survey to be sent out to the 5th and 6th Grade students for feedback.
- d. **Other Events Update:**
 - i. **Book Fair** October 29th to November 1st. 25% of all sales go to support Barr PTA. Online sales will run from October 24th to November 6th. Volunteers are needed especially during 11:15am to 12:45pm. Students will preview books with their ELA teacher.
 - ii. **Holiday Boutique at Barr.** Students asked for the Holiday Boutique. Finalizing a vendor with gifts that tweens would like to purchase.
 - iii. **Vendor Night** December 7th. Looking for a Chairperson. Awaiting confirmation for a venue. Vendor Tables will be a \$25 donation. Vendors will also be asked to donate an item for a raffle. Still looking for more vendors to participate.
 - iv. **Handbag Bingo** March 2019. Finalizing date/venue for the event
- e. **Membership Update** - To date approximately 100 parents/families have registered to be members of the Barr PTA. 100% of the Teachers at Barr are participating members. Ways were discussed to get more members to join especially Grade 8 Parents.

6. New Business

- a. **Amazon Smile** - Amazon Smile foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchase to the Barr PTA. We encourage all parents/teachers to Visit smile.amazon.com and select **Pick your own charitable organization. Enter: PTA New York Congress 04-058.** Promotion on FaceBook and BarrPTA website store.
- b. **PTA Membership Competition** - Friendly Barr PTA Membership Competition between Barr Homerooms. October 29th to November 30th. Entire homeroom receives a pizza party.
- c. **Restaurant Night Fundraisers** - SmashBurger, Tuesday November 6th and Panera Bread, Tuesday December 4th. Flyers to go home closer to dates and will be in the digital backpack.

7. Motion made to close the meeting, was seconded and accepted

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 @ 7pm Media Center

Respectfully submitted October 23, 2018 by Ellie Diaz-Walters, Secretary Barr PTA