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# A. MacArthur Barr Middle School PTA Meeting

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 @ 7:30pm 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), Anne Chen (Principle 5-6 Academy), Roger Guccione (Principal Barr MS), Michael Silverman (Barr MS Teacher Representative / Liaison), 12 parents.

## Agenda:

1. Pledge
2. Introduction of Barr PTA New Board Members
3. Approval of June 5, 2018 Minutes (Old Board)
4. Treasurer's Report:
5. Principal's Report
6. Teacher Representative
7. Barr PTA 2018-2019 Business
  - a. Website
  - b. Social Media
  - c. Committee Formation / Recruitment of Volunteers
  - d. FundRaising: School Pictures, Book Fair, Cookie Dough, Vendor Knight, Holiday Boutique, Handbag Bingo, Met/Yankee Game, Box Tops, Restaurant Nights
  - e. Special Events: Halloween Howl, Founder's Day, 8th Grade Dance
  - f. Membership

## Meeting Minutes:

1. **Minutes Approval:**
    - a. June 2018 Minutes were discussed.
    - b. Motion made to approve the June 2018 Minutes, was seconded and accepted.
  2. **Treasurer's Report:**
    - a. Closing balance to date is \$12, 607.
    - b. Money was asked to be put aside by the old PTA Board for the Chris Herren Assembly.
    - c. Handout given showing the proposed budget similar to last years PTA Budget with a few new fundraising ideas.
    - d. Motion made to approve the Barr PTA 2018-2019 budget, was seconded and accepted.
  3. **Principal's Report:**
    - a. Anne Chen and Roger Guccione thanked Barr PTA for their generous support /contributions re: the Grade Team Building Events and to Mr. Walters for meeting with them prior to the Board meeting to get clarification on the many events sponsored last year.
    - b. Mr. Guccione discussed the Grade 7 and 8 Meet the Teacher (9/26/18) Format.
    - c. Both principals discussed the importance of returning signed the IAUP form, the upcoming presentation done by Ms. Travaglino on vaping/jeweling which will also be aired on the Nanuet SD website, Dr. McNeill's bus schedule time change, the availability of only one late bus to leave Barr MS at 3:45pm, the use of the Digital Backpack, the
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need to hire more lunch staff in order to keep the lunch lines moving, reason to limit bags of balls at recess due to safety issues.

- d. Mr. Walters' talked about ways teachers can get funded for classroom projects by applying to Donors Choose ([www.donorschoose.org](http://www.donorschoose.org))

**4. Teacher Representative:**

- a. Mike Silverman (8th Grade Spanish Teacher / PTA Teacher Liaison) spoke briefly about what each grade level is doing and how the PTA can support these events.
- b. Suggestion made by the parents for DARE to be in all grades. Brought up that it is a great idea however the problem is the availability of the DARE Officers.

**5. Barr PTA Business:**

- a. Discussed the many ways for parents to be informed. (Website - [www.barrpta.com](http://www.barrpta.com), Facebook - Barr PTA, digital backpack - updated every friday, coming to PTA meetings once a month)
- b. Discussed the need for parent volunteers and chairs for various event committees.
- c. Discussed the upcoming fundraising events as listed in the agenda. More information can be found in the digital backpack, Barr PTA website and Facebook.
- d. Discussed the need for more parents to join the Barr PTA. Mrs. Chen will spearhead a membership challenge with Grade 5. To date approximately 20 parents/families have registered to be members of the Barr PTA.
- e. Ms. Miceli talked about ways to donate to the school using programs sponsored by Amazon Smile, ShopRite For My School, Stop&Shop A+ School Rewards. Target was also mentioned. Links can be found on Barr PTA website.
- f. Mr. Walters discussed the need to coordinate with the Elementary/HS PTAs when setting dates for the many fundraisers since many of our parents have children in more than one school.
- g. Motion made to close the meeting, was seconded and accepted

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 @ 7pm Media Center**

**Respectfully submitted September 28, 2018 by Ellie Diaz-Walters, Secretary Barr PTA**