

Navesink PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2017

*Member attendance by sign-in sheet

*Augusta D'Amico called meeting to order/ Pledge of Allegiance 7:35 (Last meeting's minutes approved by Mr. Altobello and then Melissa Rachinsky).

Principal Report:

-Last day of Marking Period 1/26

-PARCC prep will begin in March

-Family Sports Night is Friday 1/27

-Kindergarten Registration will be in March (on website already) Navesink only does 1 day for orientation, unlike other buildings (no space with having only 1 APR). The incoming students will meet the teachers/staff, tour the school, and take a ride on a bus around the block. June is the early screening process and then a 2nd orientation day in late August with the Parent/Teacher/Student.

Upcoming Events/Fundraisers:

-Ladies Night Out! Pinot's Palette 2/9/17 (profit goal \$3,000) Will have teacher experiences auctioned off including lunch with the teacher, walking to the Red Store, dessert with teacher, Principal for the morning with Mr. Altobello, and a knitting lesson with our very own Mrs. Hogan!

-Book Club will begin Friday after school 3:00-3:45. Book will be Goosebumps. Supervisor Angela Kluwin; parental permission slip required.

-Family Sports Night (Brenda Puskas) 7:00-9:00 1/27 @ Bayshore Middle School. Mr. Fontana is the teacher liaison; all good for set up and clean up times but still need 10 volunteers for during the event. Brenda suggested to up the budget for next year from \$100 to \$175.

-Variety Show (Holly Bigley) March 23rd rehearsal March 24th Show. Pizza/food/water and spiritwear tables only. (less fundraising as last year got to be very chaotic) WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!! Will need the security guard as well since over 100 attendees. Discussed 5th graders finale. Looking for the "Navesink" banner that was there last year. Will have pictures done again and possibly reaching out to Mrs. Henderson for doing a fun "backdrop".

-Field Day will be May 26th.

-Walk-a-thon (Desiree Ciammaniconi) Friday April 21st during school. Will need to figure out Incentives/Prizes/Volunteers; had the bracelets with the Jibitz last year. Made over \$12,000 last year; thinking of contest between grades to help generate funds; getting ideas together to make it bigger and better than last year.

Committee Reports:

- Fall Festival (Carrie Ercolino) made \$2100
- Theatre Week (Gillian Forest) Kids had a great time and the performances were wonderful.
- Book Fair (Denise Jacinto) without credit card sales, made \$1800.
- Box Tops (Tonya DeLuca) Great first round made \$600
- Assemblies (Jodi Chassey) Next one is a Magic Show
- Library (Angela Kluwin) May 23rd Barnes & Noble night (Young Author Night) will be a Poetry Slam; partnering with Ms. Murphy and possibly Ms. Curta to make kids feel more comfortable reading aloud. Angela spoke about the ALA (American Library Association) and the possible need for a “media specialist”. Those materials will be forwarded to Ms. Schaeffer.
- Night at Nicholas (Debbie Ericson) made \$2800
- PTA Membership (Melissa Rachinsky) aimed for \$2000, but made \$2700!
- Teacher Report (Denise Moyer) Discussed all the amazing gifts the teachers/staff are providing for our “Ladies Night Out”.

Open Discussions:

- Lunch Regulations: what is served is per the USDA standards and we use ARAMARK. It was mentioned that sometimes they run out of certain lunch items; Mr. Altobello provided feedback saying that they MUST throw out any leftovers. They order the items based on the previous time it was served. Also, Mr. Altobello informed us that you are able to send in a note requesting only a certain # of snacks allowed or none at all. You are able to limit any/all of what your child eats...just send in a note. Could take a few days to enter into the system, but once it's uploaded, your child will be restricted from whatever you put on the note!
- Learning Academy was approved by the Board of Education.
- Yankee Candle Fundraiser to be done before Mother's Day.
- Only spent \$8,000 on the Chrome Books last year and allotted for \$10,000. Mr. Altobello mentioned the idea of a TV in the front of the building to play an ongoing slide show of the children and have any upcoming events. Will be contacting the tech guy.
- *March 22nd next general meeting; Call to adjourn by Augusta at 8:55.