

General PTA meeting minutes

September 25, 2017

7:30pm

Pledge @ 7:35

**Board Member Introduction:** Augusta D'Amico, Desiree Ciammaruconi, Melissa Rachinsky, Amanda Kelly, Holly Bigley

7:40- Aimee Remy presented a slide show on "Why the PTA needs you". Outlined \$\$ PTA took in per child at Navesink vs. other schools in district; encouraged others to not only volunteer time, but donate to our school as the \$\$ goes directly to your child.

Spoke about tapping into the Kindergarteners as they come into the school; reaching out to their families for volunteers since they will be part of the school for the next 5 years. Mr. Altobello mentioned a good time could be the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September when they come back to the school. Having a "Welcome Picnic" of sorts to introduce them to school and all the ways to be involved.

#### **Volunteers needed for the following committees:**

-Board of Ed liason

-EOY 5<sup>th</sup> grade party (talk to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade room parents)

-Variety Show

-Theater Week: still have Gillian Forrest, but it is her last year and we need someone to shadow her.

-Family Sports Night: Thank you to the Puskas Family, but this will be their last one. Alyson Sonta said she would take it over.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Scarecrows: Laura Copeland-** Due Friday; have 110 out now and hoping for atleast 120.

**Room Parents: Amanda Kelly & Johna English-** Room parents have been chosen and notified; pending approval on the letter to be sent home to all. Allyson Sheehan volunteered for Alves.

**Fall Festival: Laura Copeland (Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 12-4;rain date 10/15)**We need VOLUNTEERS! No more water please; really need everyone's time. 1 hour volunteer increments this year. There's a sign up genius posted to Bayshore/North/South sites to get some interest for those needing volunteer hours. Chili Contest, Food trucks, bounce house, sporting events (Puskas family), pumpkin/mum sales, guess how many, bake sale....

**Book Fair: Hope Anderson (week of 12/4)**

**PIC Representative: Hope Anderson** (Parent Information Committee) meets Tuesdays; 2 per school and is the liaison to the district. First meeting Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>- topics of discussion: Attendance Policy changes/homework extensions/changes- Last year letters went home at 5 & 10 unexcused absences, this year it will be 4, 7 & 10. @4 unexcused would just be the letter from principal, @7 letter from principal and referred to intervention/absenteeism board (district attendance), and @10 letter from principal, visit from district attendance board and child may need to attend summer program. Only excused absences: doctor note (unless sent home from school), Death, Religious Holiday, and take your child to work day; all others=unexcused. 4 hours is considered a FULL DAY.

**Science Fair: Liz Hilliard & Becky Sodon-** to be held in late winter/early spring.

**Art ware: Teresa Domingues & Nicole Dominguez** (11/9 order forms expected; deadline 11/20; merchandise arrives by 12/18. Partnering with Mrs. Henderson from Art. Projects get sent home; may order online as well.

**Library: Angela Kluwin-** Always looking for volunteers on Fridays...guest readers, library helpers. Will continue "lunch bunch" for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders- 4-6 students eat in the library.

**PTA Memberships: Alyson Sonta-** We are at 115 members; still time to collect more, teacher involvement as well; Mrs. McBride is a lifetime member, however still donates.

**Spirit Wear: Desiree Ciammaruconi-** partnering with JSA to get the items to be sold during Fall distribution. We will be having an online store for direct ordering, as well as forms. Hoping to be sent out Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Spirit Wear will only be sold twice a year: Fall/Spring

**School Store: Nikki Finkel-** developed idea for a school store to sell Navesink items during school time. Eventually would love to partner with 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Items include pencils, erasers, stickers, rulers, etc. Idea came up to possibly include ear buds (said by Allyson Sheehan) and knowing when to send \$ in with your child to purchase from the store.

**Night at Nicholas: Nikki Finkel & Melissa Harary-** to be held on a Friday night this year (11/17). Limit amount of guests allowed; get \$ in quickly, fills up fast. Portion of wine sales to go back to the school.

**Bricks & Benches: Augusta D'Amico-** Purchase Bricks for \$50 and benches for \$600. May divide \$600 amongst a few families if wanted. Need to reach out to Alumni and community for other purchasers. Can be purchased online- go to our PTA website. Bricks to be laid late spring as a continuation of reading garden but still unsure, depends on how many we receive. PTA board and the Remey family have purchased benches so far. Thank you!

**Barks on Bay: Johna English-** To be held at their location on 10/21 from 12-4. Bring your dogs there to have their nails trimmed and ears cleaned.

**Yearbook: Carrie Ercolino-** Always looking for volunteers to snap pics during your child's class parties/celebrations. 35 mm camera works best but you can also use your Iphone6 or better.

**Principals Report: Mr. Altobello-** SPECTACULAR year to start! Sincerest thanks to the PTA and all the families who make this place so special. School is extremely community oriented; encouraged to be active. “We are the Best! Thanks to the Teachers! Filled with really special people, doing really special things!”

**Teacher Report: Mrs. Moyer-** Said she’s been here 23 years and truly loves our school; thanked PTA for all hard work done to the outside over the summer-loved her sea grass! Looking forward to another great year.

**Open Discussion:** Sept. 25 PARCC results get mailed...you will see why we are the best!

-Kathleen Servidio had a cafeteria question: Company is contracted year to year. Current one here 3 years so far.

-Liz Hilliard had a dog question: Does the front side walk count as school property? Wants to bring dog to drop off/pick up. No, the side walk is fine to keep your dog.

-Johna English concerned with too much facetime: between chrome book in class and think central at home, is there a recommended amount per grade? Mr. Altobello will be clarifying and looking into that concern. Not sure if there’s a district recommendation/allowance.

Always know that if your child is having too much frustration during homework, put it away and walk away!

-Starr DeAngelis asked about a school dance- has now become the committee chair for one; possible father/daughter or mother/son-open for suggestions.

-Box Top question regarding smaller special ed classes- they will now be combined K-2 one class and 3-5 another ; gives them an opportunity to win the pizza party.

Continue to use AmazonSmile and ShopRite for Education: portion of all sales come directly back to school.

Middletown Library is a great place during homework time. Has tutors available

Next meeting: 10/23 @ 7:30

Meeting adjourned: 9:18