

MINNESAUKE PTA MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, October 22 2024 - Zoom

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

BOE Report (DR. David McKinnon)

Update on the Regents exam handling

- Board voted to reinstate "do no harm" policy.
- This decision aims to maintain parity with other schools.

Transportation Discussion

- Increased number of parents driving their kids to school, may be due to convenience and extra time in the morning.
- Encouragement for using school transportation as it is easier for children, especially those with separation issues. This also helps reduce traffic in the parking lot.

Correspondence (Kelly Javidi): Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report (Nina Baker):

- Current balance is \$28,973.25.
- Pending payouts from Cheddar Up.
- Fundraising successes - Fifth grade carnival raised approximately \$3,500.
- Awaiting final numbers from the cookie sale and Trunk or Treat

Council Report (Tara Longo): Nothing to report

Principals Report (Mrs. Pickford):

- 5th grade went on annual trip to the Bronx Zoo
- 3rd grade went to the movies to see wild robot, a book they read in school
- We celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month through educational games.
- The Fire Department is coming on Wednesday to visit kindergarten
- Boxout bullying – learned between conflict and bullying, played games, interactive, performance was great
- All clubs have started except one, in the works, coming soon
- Damage done to wood floors in auditorium, will be finished within the next week or two and in time for holiday concert!
- FAST – PLEASE make sure children are wearing sneakers! Shoes are scuffing up the gymnasium floor.

No school on the following dates:

- November 1st (Diwali)
- November 4th (Election Day)
- November 11th (Veterans Day)
- Early Release Day on November 26th: Children will be home 15 minutes earlier than usual.
- Thanksgiving break from November 27th to 29th.

Membership Report (Nina Baker)

- 288 members of PTA and 49 are staff members

OLD BUSINESS (Kelly Javidi):

- Big thank you to Christina Haas and volunteers for the plant sale!
- The recent event at Micky's Ice Cream was a great success with staff volunteering their time!

NEW BUSINESS (Kelly Javidi):

- School pictures are slightly more expensive than Gelina's due to being a PTA fundraiser.
- Fifth and sixth graders will take their class pictures this Friday.
- Trunk or Treat is a major fundraiser for sixth graders. As a reminder: no masks and no weapons allowed. Pre-k siblings are free; school-aged children need a ticket. This is a family event, not a drop off.
- Morning car line reminders: Children should exit on the passenger side and parents MUST pull up to the curb in the fire lane.
- Parents Night Out: At AR workshop in Smithtown on November 7th from 6-9 PM
- Thank you Christine K for cookie dough fundraiser, great results!
- Trunk or treat street at ward Melville will be on
- Harvest festival at Benner's farm this year, November 2nd. Rain date November 3rd. Vincents wood fire pizza truck coming! There will be hay rides and feeding of the animals.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS (Kelly Javidi):

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Yearbook Information

- Fifth and sixth grade parents to expect correspondence regarding yearbook details.
- Important items may include baby pictures.

Fifth Grade Budget

- Funds raised from the carnival contribute to the fifth-grade budget. This should cover two socials, t-shirts, and end-of-year celebrations. Activities include bagel breakfast and yearbook distribution.

- Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday, November 19th, 2024 In person and Zoom

*Motion to accept September 24, 2024 Minutes 1st; Sophie Jones 2nd; Corinne Bubolo Motion carries

*Motion to adjourn: 1st; Sam Lodato 2nd; Corinne Bubolo Motion carries

*Meeting adjourned: 7:28 PM

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