

MINNESAUKE PTA MINUTES  
GENERAL MEETING  
Wednesday December 1, 2021, 7:30pm, Zoom  
MINUTES

- Call to Order at 7:34pm
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Principal's Report (Mrs. Pickford):
  - Thank you to the PTA for decorating the front walk before Thanksgiving.
  - The auditorium is back in service and looks beautiful – the stage floor is finished and there is new carpeting. The gymnasium is close to being finished – the floor designs are being completed and the polyurethane will be completed soon. Hoping to be able to use the gymnasium next week.
  - Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up (in person or virtual via phone/google meet) – the evening of Dec. 9 and all day on Dec. 10.
  - The Minnesauke Winter Concert will be held at Gelinas on Dec. 20. A letter was sent home notifying families of the new location.
  - The Site Based Committee met today. Three initiatives are: 1. Positive messages posted throughout the school including a large scale vinyl positive message board in a high traffic area (outside the gym); 2. Multicultural Week; 3. Family Connect Nights (Duck Donuts was a huge hit and pizza night is coming up).
  - Mrs. Nowling has retired. Please contact Mrs. Kathy Bottner regarding building use.
  - Mrs. Lisa Pelligrino is a new clerical in the Health Office.
  - Please continue to perform daily health checks. If quarantined, or waiting for PCR results, please notify the school nurse.
- Board of Education Report (Shaorui Li):
  - During the Nov. 17 BOE meeting, students were recognized for the Interdependence Project. Mrs. Sacco presented a prize to a Minnesauke student, who was the only elementary student winner.
  - Also at the Nov. 17 meeting there was an announcement of new elective courses at Ward Melville.
  - The Board of Education is now using BoardDocs to post all meeting agendas and minutes. BoardDocs also allows search of documents and board member votes. BoardDocs can be accessed from the Three Village School District website.
  - Website to post announcement on Dec. 2 that the Three Village CSD will form a 2022-2023 Budget Advisory Committee. The committee will include community members who submit their interest and are selected by lottery.
  - Thank you to the PTA for gifts.
- Question from Cristine DeGeronimo for Mrs. Pickford: Is the school bringing back clubs? Mrs. Pickford does not foresee bringing back clubs this year because the budget has already been proposed; Danielle Butler noted that F.A.S.T. might return this year as well as drama club back (limited to grades 3-6).
- Council Report (Danielle Butler): Council met this morning. Many schools had their Holiday Boutique in person (Minnesauke cannot currently use gymnasium).

- Holiday Boutique (Samantha Lodato): A flyer went home in backpacks last week with QR code, and login and password information. Will backpack orders or reach out to parents for pickup of larger orders.
- Prestige wrapping paper has been picked up.
- Treasurer's Report (Christy Geraci): Balance (as of Nov. 28) is \$25,672.17. Fundraisers have been successful (Duck Donuts, candles sale, Harvest Festival). The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee did well with Trunk or Treat (almost \$3,000 profit). The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee has also had some expenditures (for t-shirts and class gift, as well as administrative expenditures). More than \$2,000 have been collected in membership dues. Doing well so far.
- \*Motion to accept PTA Council Budget (posted on website): 1<sup>st</sup> Christine DeGeronimo; 2<sup>nd</sup> Leslie Dahl; motion carries.
- Membership Report (Traci Gross): There are 231 members as of today (12/1). Received October award from NYS PTA for being on target. Some parents are now signing up their children as student members (student email addresses are not submitted on MemberHub, so they won't get any notifications; parents who want to control their status can log in and make updates). Reach out to Traci Gross with any questions. Class Contacts are all paid.
- Correspondence (Leslie Dahl): No correspondence.

#### OLD BUSINESS (Danielle Butler):

- New Slate 2021-2022 – President: Michelle Capobianco; Vice President: Danielle Butler; Treasurer: Christy Geraci; Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Simon; Corresponding Secretary: Leslie Dahl; VP, Membership: Traci Gross; VP, Finance: Christine DeGeronimo; VP, Technology: Kelly Javidi; Council Delegate: Monica Balsan.
- Recent Events:
  - Reflections
  - October Family Connect Night: Oct. 18
  - Trunk or Treat: Thank you to Christine DeGeronimo, the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee, Ali Mauser and Melissa Tunstead. Lights were provided by the Town of Brookhaven
  - Harvest Festival
  - Picture Retake Day: Retake proofs will be available this week
  - November Family Connect Night, Nov. 16, DIY Duck Donut Decorating Kits – Big success! Thank you

#### NEW BUSINESS (Michelle Capobianco and Danielle Butler):

- Holiday Boutique: Online Only, Nov. 22 - Dec. 3 - [prestigefundraisinginc.com/holidayshop](https://prestigefundraisinginc.com/holidayshop) (username: prestige, Password: WINTER2021) - ongoing until Friday.
- Mrs. Woodruff has asked for gift card donations (by this Friday) for families in need.
- Holiday House Decorations Tour/Contest: Registration starts Dec. 10 for anyone in Minnesauke that wants to showcase their house and their decorating style. Displays need to be completed by Dec. 17 and then route sheet will be provided.

- December Family Connect Night: Wednesday, Dec. 15 – Pizza Making Kit – PREORDERS ONLY (by DECEMBER 10), \$15 each, Setauket Pastaria Pickup  
<https://december-family-connect-night-pizzakits.cheddarup.com>
- Winter Festival and Ice Skating: Dec. 17 and Dec. 18 at PJ Village Rec Center, 6-8pm each night, maximum of 80 people per night. Giving away hot cocoa and snacks. Free for families (except for skate rentals).
- Greeting Card Fundraiser Opportunity with Cardhop: Possibly end of January. This would be a new fundraiser. Cardhop was at the Harvest Festival and offers greeting cards in bundles for purchase.
- Souper Bowl: First week of February deadline. Hopeful to win again this year.
- Spirit Wear Store with BI Ink: Spring. BI was open for two weeks and planning to open again in spring (C&S is always available). May be delays in shipping because of inventory.
- Sign up sheet will be posted for spring activity volunteers.
- Basket Soiree: May 5 at the Old Field Club. Committee meetings will start after Winter Recess. Kelly Javidi will post flyer with link to sign up for the committee.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

12/10: No School Parent/Teacher Conference Day

12/24-1/2/22: Winter Recess

- Question from Danielle Butler: Will robocalls be made to announce scheduled school closures? Mrs. Pickford says robocalls are not typically made for such announcements as this information is available on the website.
- \*Motion to accept October Minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> Michelle Capobiano; 2<sup>nd</sup> Traci Gross; motion carries.
- Traci Gross: Three Village Electric Holiday Parade will take place on Dec. 12 at 5pm, starting at Emma S. Clark Library and ending at Se-Port Deli.
- Question: Is Gingerbread University taking place at Minnesauke this year? Danielle Butler responded no, due to space restrictions. Instead the Winter Festival will be held at the PJ Village Center 6-8pm and may include a gingerbread house component.
- Mrs. Woodruff: Thank you for support of holiday gift drive, helping families in need. Thank you for Hershey Hugs and Kisses. Michelle Capobianco asked which gift cards are best. Mrs. Woodruff said they are lacking Walmart gift cards, but have a lot of Amazon and Kohl's gift cards. Grateful for any contribution though.
- Next meeting: End of January with mid-year Class Contact check in. Format TBD (may have in person option with Zoom).
- \*Motion to Adjourn – 1<sup>st</sup> Leslie Dahl; 2<sup>nd</sup> Christina Geraci; Adjourned at 8:06pm.