

MINNESAUKE PTA MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING
March 30, 2023, Minnesauke Cafeteria

- Call to Order at 7:31pm
- Pledge of Allegiance
- BOE Report (Dr. Kerman)
 - Budget not finished yet. Will be discussing again at next BOE meeting. Potential budget right at tax cap.
 - Strategic Planning Committee will be voting in April. Leading choice is Plan B (6th grade to middle school and 9th grade to high school). Would also like later start time, but there are financial constraints because would require more busses. This is all on the Strategic Planning Site on the district web site. There are four more meetings for committee to discuss with parents (dates are on website).
 - Board elections coming up.
- Principal's Report (Mrs. Pickford)
 - Recent events: Troy Cummings came to speak to 2nd graders; Biolife Refuge came to Kindergarten; 2nd graders went to one room school house; 3rd graders went to WM; 6th went to Gelinas to see Once Upon a Mattress.
 - Newsies performance was amazing. Thank you to PTA for bringing opportunity to students.
 - Students are playing mini golf in PE.
 - Jared Campbell held 2 assemblies today. Very powerful anti-bullying message. His music is available to play at home.
 - State testing coming up for Grades 3-6: ELA on 4/19 and 4/20; Math on 5/3 and 5/4; No 4th grade science this year. District is encouraging families to not opt-out. Tests were previously tied to teacher ratings, but that's no longer true. Teachers are now involved in writing tests. Taking tests helps students to build stamina for other standardized tests as they get to the junior high and high school. Data helps the school district to evaluate its own instructional programs.
 - Multicultural week coming up the week of 5/8. There will be an evening event on Thursday of that week.
 - Minnesauke Art Show coming up.
 - Kindergarten screening coming up in May.
 - Spring Concert on 5/17: Cherished Guests 9:30am; Concert at 7pm.
 - Field Day will be on 6/7 for K-5 and on 6/8 for 6th graders.
 - 6th Grade Moving Up will be on 6/15.
- Membership Report (Samantha Lodato) – 399 members, 42 are staff.
- Correspondence (Leslie Dahl) – N/A
- Treasurer's Report (Christy Barry)
 - Current Balance = \$37,903.96. Soiree donations are coming in, as is money from field trips, spring FAST. PTA contributed balloons for sports night and pies for Pi Day (under school spirit section).

OLD BUSINESS – Michele Capobianco

- Recent Events
 - MINGO (3/3) – Successful
 - Family Connect Night (3/15)
 - Drama Club Performance (3/24 and 3/25)

- ChessNuts Chess Club - Started by Amy Raupp. First session just ended. Made about \$320 plus gave kids an outlet after school to try something new. Will have a second session soon.
- FAST Athletics - 2nd session ending. Next session (last for the year) coming up.
- PVSA Logs Due by 4/7.

NEW BUSINESS – Kelly Javidi

● Upcoming Events

- 6th Grade Spring Social (Friday, 3/31, 7-8:30pm)
- Family Connect Night/Dine & Donate: Mickey's Ice Cream (Thursday, 4/13) – Teachers will scoop, also Mrs. Pickford and Mrs. Mizell.
- Spring Pictures (4/17, 4/18) – Can do a new picture.
- Minnesauke Soiree (Thursday, 4/27) – Invitations went home today in folders. Can purchase tickets on cheddarup (payments accepted in cash or check). Need volunteers for night of/day of (check in, live auction, ticket drawings). If you can help see Google form on Facebook and website (all up to date and has zoom links).
- Staff Appreciation Week (Monday, 5/1 – Friday, 5/5) – Christina Haas running. Class contacts check your e-mails, classes decorating the faculty room.
- Spring Plant Fair Pickup (Friday, 5/12)
- Spring Concert & Ice Cream Social (Wednesday, 5/17, 7pm; Cherished Guests at 9:30am)
- 4th Grade Beginners Music Concert & Ice Cream Social (Monday, 6/5, 7pm)
- Kindergarten Screening coming up.

● PTA Board Elections – Letters of Interest Due 4/10

- 2023-2024 Slate
 - President: OPEN
Interested Candidates: Kelly Javidi
 - Vice President: OPEN
Interested: Samantha Lodato
 - Vice President, Membership: OPEN
Interested Candidates: Michelle Capobianco
 - Vice President, Finance: OPEN
Interested Candidates: Christy Barry
 - Vice President, Technology: (Year 2 of 2) Sophie Jones
 - Treasurer: OPEN
Interested Candidates: Nina Baker
 - Recording Secretary: OPEN
Interested Candidates: Corinne Bubolo
 - Corresponding Secretary: OPEN
Interested Candidates: Elizabeth Simon
 - Council Delegate/Historian: (Year 2 of 2) Danielle Butler

● Council Report (Danielle Butler) – Discussed options for Strategic Planning

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next PTA Meeting Monday, April 17th at 7:30pm (Zoom) (May meeting will be in person)

*Motion to accept February 27, 2023 Minutes 1st Christina Haas, 2nd Joann Keenan

*Motion to adjourn 1st Jess Karp; 2nd Christina Haas 7:55pm