

MINNESAUKE PTA MINUTES  
GENERAL MEETING  
Monday, September 18, 2023, 7:00pm, Minnesauke Cafeteria

**Call to Order:** 7:01pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**BOE Report** (Dr. Kerman):

- The school year has started off well in all buildings.
- Strategic Planning Committee: Decision has been made to put off the final determination on all current items for at least a year in order to make the best decision for students, parents and schools.
- There will be a new survey coming out in order to gather more information from parents.
- There are also talks about repurposing a building due to decreasing number of students.

**Correspondence** (Elizabeth Simon):

- 4 Thank you notes received from staff regarding their appreciation for the Welcome Back Breakfast
  - o Mizell/Brunquell, Brendel, Herkowicz/DeSantis/Kinsley

**Treasurer's Report** (Nina Baker):

The entire budget to be posted.

- Current Balance \$42,983.61
- Current YTD expenses incurred for the purchase of our new Minne Shirts and the cost of the Color Run.
- Nina is working diligently with the accountant to reconcile expenses and perfect the budget.
- Plea made to anyone receiving checks to cash them in a timely manner as it adversely effects the budget if not done so.
- Danielle Butler added that although we carried over a bit from last year, mainly due to such successful fundraising efforts like the Soiree, the PTA is working to allocate all funds carefully. For full transparency the complete budget can be found on the website and feel free to reach out with any questions

**Council Report** (Danielle Butler):

- No current report as the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be on Wednesday, 9/20

**Principals Report** (Mrs. Pickford):

- Big thank you for the Back to School breakfast. It has been a wonderful and smooth start to the school year. .
- On 9/11 all students were given flags and wore Red, White and Blue; Thank you to the PTA for supplying flags!
- International Dot day was celebrated for all K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students; Inspired by the Peter Reynolds book, The Dot, which speaks to children about making their mark on the world.
- 9/21: Open house; Please preview email sent regarding specials and support teachers availability
- 9/25: No school in observance of Yom Kippur
- 9/27 and 9/28: Picture Days. Time slots should have been received by classroom teachers, but has also been posted on the Minnesauke PTA Facebook page.
- 9/29: Information on clubs to be received.
- Email will be utilized more this year in an effort to be kinder to our planet and conserve paper.
- ALSO, there will be an opportunity to opt in for text messages. Classroom teachers will be sending information.
- Back to school letter – Please review the code of conduct with your children. Assemblies will be held regarding them and there will be consequences for any student found not following the code.

**Membership Report** (Christine Kanakaris):

- o **264** Total Members
  - **185** Standard (70%)
  - **50** Teacher/Staff (19%)

- 19 Addtl./Family (7%)
- 10 Student (4%)

**OLD BUSINESS** (Kelly Javidi):

- Recent Events:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School Welcome Back Breakfast (9/5/23):
  - Welcome Back Picnic & Movie Night-Super Mario Bros (9/9/23):
    - Thank you to the chairs for a great event!
    - Photos posted on the Minnesauke PTA facebook page.

**NEW BUSINESS** (Kelly Javidi):

- Upcoming Events/Programs:
  - Open House (9/21/23):
  - F.A.S.T. Athletics (9/22-12/22/23):
    - Notifications have been sent. 1<sup>st</sup> session this Friday, 9/22
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Banner Making (9/22/23):
    - Underway! Banners will be used during the WM Homecoming this Saturday, 9/23
  - Dine & Donate: Mickey's Ice Cream (9/26/23):
    - First held a Dine & Donate here last spring where Mrs. Pickford and staff helped scoop ice cream and it was very successful. Hoping for another great day!
  - Picture Day (9/27 & 9/28/23):
    - Schedule posted on the Minnesauke PTA facebook page and will be put on remind
  - Color Run & Color Run Sponsors (10/14/23):
    - Sponsor opportunities for each of the 4 colors used at the Color Run.
    - One sponsor has been secured, so we're still in need of 3 more.
    - Sponsorships are \$250; various opportunities
  - Trunk or Treat (10/27/23):
    - Put on by the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class for all Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> students
  - Harvest Festival (11/4/23):
    - EXCITING NEWS: The Festival is moving to Benners Farm.
    - There will be hayrides, apple cider, animals, and more! FUN for the whole family.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Kelly Javidi):

- Joining PTA – Myths vs Facts:
  - Sophie Jones made an amazingly detailed flyer that has been sent home.
  - Please join if not already!
  - All class contacts must be an active member of the PTA
  - MYTH – Not a one-time membership. MUST renew each year.
  - The only requirement to Join the PTA is a \$10 Fee.
    - Your involvement can be as big or small as you want.
    - We are open to ALL volunteer efforts and ideas.
    - A PTA members suggestion and effort resulted in the Chess Club!
    - PTA encourages involvement!
- Remind App:
  - Join remind if not already done so.
  - You don't have to join for each student as most posts are grade wide.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade has their own remind.
- Class Contacts:
  - Meeting tonight, 9/18 immediately following the PTA meeting.
- Sixth Grade Update:
  - As upcoming graduates, 6<sup>th</sup> graders receive some special events/perks.
    - Separate 6<sup>th</sup> grade chairpersons are assigned.
    - Separate dues fund their own budget:
      - Special T-shirts

- Yearbook
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade events
- Events are off to a great start
  - Homecoming Carnival
  - Trunk or Treat information is coming soon
- Any Questions: 6thgradechair@gmail.com

- Next PTA Meeting:            Monday, October 23,2023 - ZOOM Only (Link to be provided)

*Motion to accept May 9,2023 Minutes:	1 <sup>st</sup> : Sophie Jones	2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Nina Baker;	Motion carries
*Motion to adjourn:	1 <sup>st</sup> : Jessica Karp	2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Nina Baker;	Motion carries
*Motion to accept 23/24 Budget	1 <sup>st</sup> : Danielle Butler	2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Jessica Karp;	Motion carries
*Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm				

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