

MINNESAUKE PTA MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING
March 21, 2022, 7:30pm Zoom

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- Call to Order at 7:32pm by Danielle Butler. Next two meetings will be in person with a Zoom option as well: April 11 (Soirée basket turn in); May (elections).
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Principal's Report (Mrs. Pickford)
 - Building DEI committee met last week. Student ambassadors chose the book "The day You Begin" by Jacqueline Woodson to share building wide. A video will be shared with every class and then ambassadors will visit each classroom to engage in dialogue to make sure students feel that they are accepted and included.
 - Site Based committee met today wrapping up positive messaging campaign with Cricut messages posted throughout building. Children are enjoying them except for some that thought they could remove them, but have had conversations to remind students to be respectful of school property.
 - Multicultural Week (starting May 9) plans are in progress. School day events include guest readers for read alouds, different hallways representing different continents, and representation of student cultures. Family night on May 12.
 - In district trips are coming up. Sixth graders are seeing Matilda at Gelinias on Wednesday. Third graders are going to WM for a concert. Fourth graders are going to Setauket School for Founders' Day.
 - Thank you to Mrs. Ortmann for helping to plan events.
 - State testing day (ELA) coming up. If you don't want your child to participate send a letter. Students will stay in classroom with teacher and engage in reading and quiet work.
 - Thank you for pies for Pi Day. Danielle says thank you to Nina Baker.
- Board of Education Report (Sue Rosensweig)
 - WM Science Olympiad team went to Syracuse for States and took 1st place.
 - Amber Luo placed 3rd in the Regeneron Science and Talent Search, earning prize of \$150k. Developed software to help scientists study RNA structures of diseases.
 - The elementary librarians renewed their Common Sense Educator training and Common Sense Media badge. Minnesauke has badge through 2023. Once all elementary schools in the school district earn badge, district will apply to be a Common Sense district.
 - It's budget season for the BOE. Thank you to parents on the Budget Advisory Committee.
 - Laura Pimentel will give a student data presentation during board meeting tomorrow.
- Council Report (Monica Balsan) - Monica not present. Danielle says not much to report on.
- Treasurer's Report (Christy Geraci) – Treasurer's Report is on the website. There are not many changes. Current balance is \$33,671.90. Now working on Soirée. Held successful MINGO. Getting payment from F.A.S.T. this week, as well as from Drama Club. Danielle says minutes from February meeting are posted on website for review before vote at end of meeting.
- Membership Report (Traci Gross) – Minnesauke PTA has 230 members, not much change recently. Danielle says hopefully PTA will be able to distribute forms in person during back to

school night next school year. Maybe forms will be available at later spring events for next year's membership as well.

- Correspondence (Leslie Dahl) – PTA received one card from Mrs. Beck thanking PTA for hot cocoa bar (Danielle says it was for Valentine's Day).

OLD BUSINESS – Danielle Butler

- Recent Events
 - Virtual Book Fair (2/18) - Thank you to Kim Golub and Stephanie Buffa. The Book Fair raises money for libraries. Need to follow up with them for book fair total.
 - Elementary Milk & Cookies Night (virtual) (3/1) - Videos available online.
 - Minne MINGO (3/4) - Thank you Diana Lang and 6th grade volunteers. Over \$800 raised for Mrs. Woodruff to help support families that need it here at Minnesauke.
 - March Family Connect Night (3/16) - Thank you if you bought your dinner from Chico's Tex Mex. Owner said event increased traffic by \$2300 on that night. PTA will get a portion of those proceeds.
 - Elementary Trimester End (3/18) - Report cards available on the Parent Portal under Documents.

NEW BUSINESS – Michelle Capobianco

- Nominating Committee - Preparing for May elections – Cristen Fitzgerald usually chairs.
- Cardhop fundraiser - <https://www.cardhop.com/fundraiser> - Can buy boxes of greeting cards
- 6th Grade Spring Social (3/25)
- PVSA applications (due 4/8) - Can email or bring to Main Office. Check Minnesaukepta.com/pvsa for more information.
- April Family Connect Night (4/5) - Duck Donuts are back. Ordering link will be up later this week. In the fall this fundraiser raised a lot of money.
- Staff Appreciation Week (5/2-5/6) – Kristen Gironda and Christine DeGeronimo – An entire week and will probably also include Class Contacts doing special things for teachers.
- Spring Raffle Basket Soirée at the Old Field Club (5/5) – Tickets will be on sale later this week. Invitations going out hopefully by end of this week. Danielle recognizes sponsors – Masaitis Team from Keller Williams; several platinum level (Michael Ardolino and Realty Connect; Karp agency; Nova Kitchen and Design; JC Broderick and Associates); Daniel Gale Agency and Coach PJ and Setauket offices; Mill Pond Nursery and Child Care; Hands On Acupuncture.
- Plant Sale (5/6) - Christina Haas – Flyer going out soon. Working with BBGG to get orders back before 4/15 (Spring Break).
- Multicultural Week and Evening Festival (5/9-5/13, 5/12) – Stephanie Buffa
- Spring Fling Outdoor Dance Party (5/20 6-8pm) - Sophie Jones and Samantha Lodato – 2020 decorations in storage can be used.
- Family Picnic and Movie Night (6/3) – Cristen Fitzgerald & Elizabeth Simon
- Color Run (6/18) – Jess Ciardullo and Kelly Javidi – Hoping for a big turn out.
- Additional Soirée notes: Those who turn in baskets early get additional raffle tickets; 1st hundred tickets sold also get free raffle tickets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* 3/29-3/30: Grades 3-8 ELA – If opting out, please send in notice as soon as possible to Mrs. Pickford.

* Next Minnesauke PTA Meeting will be in person, Monday, 4/11 @ 7:30pm, Minnesauke Cafeteria (bring Soirée basket if haven't completed by then).

*Motion to accept February Minutes: 1st (Cristy Geraci); 2nd (Michelle Capobianco); no one opposed; motion passes.

- Final call for questions/comments
 - Question from Traci for Mrs. Pickford – Will Flag Day be in person? Mrs. Pickford says hopefully.
 - Question from Danielle for Mrs. Pickford – What are the plans for 6th grade graduation? Mrs. Pickford says plans are undecided because they still have spacing restrictions in auditorium. Danielle asks if spacing restrictions are by district or by the state. Mrs. Pickford says they have to follow recommendations from DOH and CDC, which is to stay 3 feet apart for students, 6 feet apart for adults.
 - Thank you from Mrs. Woodruff for donation from MINGO. Danielle says thank you for supporting families in need.
 - Helena Toomey (pre-k parent) asks about Soirée and how to be more involved. Michelle said she will respond with information. Danielle added Remind Soirée committee information in the chat (text 81010 @minnepta).

*Motion to Adjourn: 1st (Leslie Dahl); 2nd (Kelly Javidi); motion carries; meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.