

MINNESAUKE PTA MINUTES  
GENERAL MEETING  
February 27, 2023, 7:30pm, Zoom

- Call to Order at 7:30pm
- Pledge of Allegiance
- BOE Report (Dr. Kerman) – Strategic Planning Committee sent out survey.
- Principal's Report (Mrs. Pickford)
  - Thank you to PTA for making Scholastic Book Fair a huge success.
  - Minnesauke was #1 on LI for Healthy Heart Challenge – raised over \$20,000!
  - Student Council collected toys for children at Stony Brook Children's. Donations are still being accepted. Thank you to all who donated.
  - Souper Bowl collected over 2000 cans of soup and mac & cheese, but passed off trophy to Setauket.
  - World Language Department came to visit 6<sup>th</sup> graders to tell them about languages they can take in Junior High School. Also had visit from Guidance.
  - Minnesauke student work representing Dreaming of Making a Difference in the World has been displayed in various local businesses.
  - February was Black History Month (played Guess Who). Will do something similar or play BINGO for Women's History Month in March.
  - Thursday is Read Across America Day. Will have some spontaneous drop everything and read time so everyone has to have a book with them at all times.
  - Report cards will be posted to parent portal on 3/17.
- Membership Report (Samantha Lodato) – 397 members, 42 of those are staff.
- Correspondence (Leslie Dahl) – N/A
- Treasurer's Report (Christy Barry) – Balance is \$58,875.56. Income from the Book Fair was almost \$7,000. Making some money from Family Connect Nights. Made almost \$4,000 from pictures.

OLD BUSINESS – Michele Capobianco

- Recent Events
  - Book Fair (2/6-2/10) – Really big success. Thanks to Nina Baker and all the volunteers and parents that helped the kids shop.
  - Family Connect Night (2/14) – Serious success. Most recently cookie decorating. Thank you to Danielle Butler.
  - President's Day & Mid-Winter Recess (2/20-2/24)

NEW BUSINESS – Kelly Javidi

- Upcoming Events
  - MINGO (Friday, 3/3, 7-8pm) – Still have tickets available on CheddarUp. 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be volunteering. Will have prizes and trivia.
  - Family Connect Night (Wednesday, 3/15)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Social (Friday, 3/31, 6-8:30pm) – Flyer going home soon.
  - Spring Pictures (Thursday, 4/13 and Friday, 4/14)
  - Minnesauke Soiree (Thursday, 4/27) – Meeting every few Tuesdays as a committee so if you'd like to join us let us know and we'll add you to the e-mail chain. Asking local businesses to give donations (either an item or a gift certificate).
  - Staff Appreciation Week (Monday, 5/1 – Friday, 5/5) – Christina Haas – Information going to class contacts - dates, class project and food donations. Theme is 80s Party (similar to the Soiree theme). Thank you to volunteers who have already signed up.

- PTA Board Elections - Proposed slate will be posted on Facebook page. There is a nominating committee in place. There are some open positions, so take a look and see if you're interested.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next PTA Meeting Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm – in person and will collect baskets at that meeting

\*Motion to accept January 26, 2023 Minutes – 1<sup>st</sup> Danielle Butler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Samantha Lodato

#### Council Report (Danielle Butler)

- Charity Sports Night 3/10. Tickets came home today.
- Dr. Scanlon talked about the Strategic Planning survey.
- Retirements were announced. Excess letters were sent because enrollment is down.
- Dr. Biscari asked that parents opt in to tests to help prepare students for ACT to build stamina. Testing doesn't affect honors placement. No change this year, but next year Science will be in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- The district is considering increasing enrollment in the Academy.
- Some discussion of Newsday article about state aid given to Three Village.
- 1<sup>st</sup> day of school next year will be day after Labor Day.

Thank you from Mrs. Woodruff to the PTA for helping to support families in need during the Book Fair.

\*Motion to adjourn – 1<sup>st</sup> Kelly Javidi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sophie Jones; motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm