

MINNESAUKE PTA MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday September 28, 2021

-Call to Order - 7:04pm

-Pledge of Allegiance - 7:04pm

Principal's Report (Mrs. Pickford): We had 70 new enrollments this year, as well as the return of our remote learners, bringing us to 650 students (preK-6th grade). That is the largest enrollment of students in all of the 5 elementary schools in our district. An email went home today explaining that our auditorium and gymnasium suffered water damage as a result of Hurricane Ida flooding. New carpeting in the auditorium and new wood flooring in the gymnasium are being installed. Therefore, P.E. classes will be held outside, weather permitting, so please have your children dressed appropriately. If there is inclement weather, the children will have their P.E. classes in additional available areas of the school. When picking up your children at the end of the school day, please do not arrive at the pick up line before 2:30pm. Arriving before that time causes issues for the security guards as well as the home owners in the surrounding neighborhood. Thank you to the PTA for the wonderful back to school decorations (Welcome back sign and Chalk the Walk). Thank you for the staff breakfast and hand sanitizers as well, it was very much appreciated.

Board Introductions

BOE Report (Sue Rosenweig): At the last BOE meeting they discussed the district wide Emergency Plan. You can find our Emergency Plan on the TVCSD website.

Membership (Traci Gross): We currently have 170 paid members. Membership is rolling in slowly. You can join the PTA for \$10 by either filling out the flyer that was sent home (can also be found on the Minnesauke website) or by joining via MemberHub. Please consider having your spouses, your child's grandparents, businesses, etc. join as well.

Correspondence (Elizabeth Simon): Matthew Cracchiola thanked the PTA for the scholarship he received. He is attending SUNY Binghamton for an Engineering Degree. With the expensive cost of college these days, he is very grateful for this scholarship. Mrs. Kiersh sent a card to the PTA thanking us for the staff appreciation breakfast and the delicious crepes they received for staff appreciation. Chris Gluck thanked us for the gift card upon retiring. Lastly, Mrs. Pickford sent a card thanking the PTA for the welcome back signs, Chalk the Walk, bagel breakfast and for giving each student an American Flag to place outside on the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

Treasurer's Report (Christi Geraci): Balance Forward \$17,902.43

The PTA has had expenditures so far for STARS shirts, the bagel breakfast, plants and the flags for the grounds and hand sanitizers. Motion to approve the 2021-2022 budget by Michelle and Cristen, motion carries.

New Business (Danielle Butler): Changes to Board positions. We are allowed 2-1year terms, so with that said, we have a few positions open. If no one chooses to run for these positions, our current board members, who would like to run for the open positions, will switch into new positions to be in compliance with NYS. If you would like to be considered for an open position, please email Cristen VanSumeren Fitzgerald (the head of the nominating Committee) at Cristenfitz@gmail.com by October 7th to indicate your interest. We will have a vote via zoom on October 12th. If we have to go to a ballot vote, we will meet in person. Our

Calendar of Events is very full this year since we are going to try to have all the usual events that we used to have pre-Covid. We will do as many as we can, as safely as we can. Class Contacts have been notified. Contacts will meet with their teachers and decide on dates of class events, using outdoor spaces as often as possible, weather permitting, this is up to the teacher's discretion. We will be moving our Harvest Festival from its original date of 10/23 to the rain date of 10/30 from 2-4 dues to a conflict with SBU's Homecoming.

The 6th Grade class is hosting their Trunk or Treat event on 10/29. There will be three sessions this year, all held in the parking lot. K-1st grade @6pm, 2nd-3rd @7pm and 4th-5th grade @8pm. There is also a Design A Tote competition for Trunk or Treat. The winner's art will be displayed on this year's tote bags. Tote bags can be preordered and there will also be a limited amount for purchase the night of the event. 80/93 of the class dues have been collected.

Picture Day was a success. We did not take class pictures this time around but we will be taking class pictures during our Spring session. Picture retakes will be held on 11/10. If you wish for your child to have pictures retaken, please send a note to your child's teacher saying so and we will have them brought down. You can access your child's photo online, but a hard copy will also be sent home in your child's folder within 1-2 weeks.

The Reflections theme this year is "I Will Change the World by". This is open to all grade levels. Instructions are on the back of the flyer and the deadline is 10/29. There will be a bin in the lobby during the week of 10/25-10/29. All entrants must also complete an entry form, which can be found on the Minnesauke PTA page.

PVSA runs from 4/1/2021-3/31/2022. Information can be found on the Minnesauke PTA website. Deadline for service hours is 4/9/2022. You can visit the Minnesauke PTA website for info and opportunities for service hours.

6th Grade Committee (Christine DeGeronimo and Casey Giles): The 6th grade committee has had their first zoom meeting. Homecoming is this Friday 10/1 at WMHS. The Homecoming game is Saturday 10/2. The 6th graders will have a Cornhole booth at the Homecoming Carnival.

Committee Signups have been posted to the Minnesauke Facebook page. We are looking for both committee chairs and volunteers, so please check it out on our page and sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4ba4a72da5fd0-ptaevents> .

Our next PTA meeting will be held on 10/12 via Zoom, or in person if we need to have a ballot vote for the PTA board positions.

Chauncy Cohn mentioned that he would like to revisit the idea of having soccer goals added to the playground, and possibly a Gaga Ball pit. We will have to discuss this further, seeing as we are on a contingent budget. Also, Gaga ball is probably not an option due to Covid-19 protocols on spacing.

Motion to accept May minutes: Leslie and Cristen, motion carries.

Motion to Adjourn: Patricia and Leslie, motion carries. 7:35pm