

MINNESAUKE PTA MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING
Monday, October 23, 2023, 7:00pm – ZOOM ONLY

Call to Order: 7:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance

BOE Report (Dr. Kerman):

- All is going well at the Board of Education. Nice and smooth.
- Keep an eye out for the Start Time Survey being sent out via email.
- Excited to announce the Ward Melville soccer team won the League Championship.
- Dr. Scanlon is offering face time through "Coffee with Kevin" at the Emma Clark Library. Keep an eye out for emails with upcoming dates/time.
- The next BOE meeting will be Wednesday, 10/25 at N. Country school, and its school board appreciation night.

Correspondence (Elizabeth Simon):

Not much to report on correspondence. Heard from the Town of Brookhaven regarding the lights for the Trunk or Treat, but that's everything at this time.

Treasurer's Report (Nina Baker):

- YTD Oct 22 – We are seeing an approximate 56K balance forward. This is a big bump up due to monies collected from FAST.
 - however, we have not yet paid FAST, so we'll be seeing those deductions.
- Approximately \$2k+ has been collected in 6th grade dues.
- Expensed incurred include \$1k+ for NY State PTA dues.
- The Color Run: Very successful.
- Money being collected for the Harvest Festival via Cheddar Up; however we are paying Benners Farm so we will be seeing that deduction.
- Reminder: the entire budget to be posted.

Council Report (Kelly Javidi): Not much to report. Other PTA's are also moving forward nicely. We were able to compare notes and be supportive of one another.

Dr. Scanlon did speak to the use of Charter buses for trips, etc. He expressed that the process for hiring is vigorous, especially in regard to safety.

Principals Report (Mrs. Pickford):

- PBIS assembly: Hosted by Mrs. Mizell and Mrs. Woodruff for each grade level to review behavior expectations. We looked at last year and targeted each grade level based on the information collected.
- It was very well received, and a copy of our behavior matrix was sent home for parents/guardians to review with our student(s).
- Fire Safety: The Setauket Fire Department visited our Kindergartners to discuss fire safety. They presented in the Auditorium as well as outside by the fire truck.
- Playground: Installation is just about complete on the new Gaga pit and new climbing apparatus.
 - Our PE classes are already teaching the students how to play Gaga Ball.
- Hispanic Heritage Month: We recently celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with our students. Instead of Guess Who, we played Guess the Flag with 21 flags of Spanish speaking countries.
- Dangers of Vaping Presentation: The 6th graders attended a presentation on the dangers of vaping and the importance of never starting.
- **REMINDERS** – School Closures
 - Tuesday, 11/7/23; Closed for Election Day
 - Friday, 11/10/23; Closed for Veterans Day

Membership Report (Christine Kanakaris):

315 Paid Members

- 222 Standard
- 56 Staff
- 26 Additional Family
- 11 Students

OLD BUSINESS (Kelly Javidi):

- Dine & Donate: Mickeys Ice Cream (9/26/23): \$340 Raised
- Picture Day (9/27 & 9/28): Order Forms have been sent out
 - Retake day 11/15
- Color Run & Color Run Sponsors (10/14/23):
 - Great turnout and the weather held out.
 - 5 different local sponsors to help incur the costs of powder and sunglasses.

NEW BUSINESS (Kelly Javidi):

- Upcoming Events/Programs:
 - Trunk or Treat (10/27/23): Underway, looking great
 - Harvest Festival (11/4/23):
 - Almost sold out.
 - Seeking Volunteers (games, etc.); please contact 6th grade chairs for volunteering information: 6thgradechair@gmail.com
 - Ice Skating Night (1/19/24):
 - It is held at the Port Jeff Rinx. It's a fun event, always yielding a big turnout.
 - Chairperson needed
 - Please keep an eye out for the Start Time Survey.
 - Also, emails have been sent regarding the details of the Advisory Committee, so keep an eye out for those, especially if interested in sitting on the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Kelly Javidi):

- Spirit Wear Update:
 - Sam Lodato is working on vendors to supply spirit wear for you to order online.
 - And a separate vendor that can provide us with small quantity orders to be sold at events.
- Sixth Grade Update:
 - Trunk or Treat. The weather forecast looks amazing.
 - Continuing to receive sign ups via Cheddar Up
 - Any Questions: 6thgradechair@gmail.com
- Next PTA Meeting: Monday, November 27, 2023 - In Person

*Motion to accept Sept. 18, 2023 Minutes:	1 st : Nina Baker	2 nd : Sam Lodato;	Motion carries
*Motion to accept PTA Council Budget:	1 st : Jess Ciardullo	2 nd : Christy Geraci Barry;	Motion carries
*Motion to adjourn:	1 st : Christy Geraci Barry	2 nd : Nina Baker;	Motion carries
*Meeting adjourned:	7:19pm		