

MINNESAUKE PTA MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, September 24 2024 In Person

Call to Order: 7:02

Pledge of Allegiance

BOE Report (Karen Roughley):

- Please reach out to Dr. Kerman regarding the upcoming board meeting tonight, which will cover the transition for 9th graders and an upcoming meeting for 5th and 6th graders moving up. Additionally, there is a link on the website for a comment card to vote on start times, with a deadline at the end of October. Remember that homecoming is this Saturday, and there will be a Coffee with Kevin event on October 8th at noon at North Country.

Correspondence (Kelly Javidi):

- Susan Archer said Thank you to the PTA for the wonderful teacher appreciation event! The Minnie PTA is truly exceptional and plays a vital role in enhancing our educational experience. Their dedication and support for both teachers and students create a positive and enriching environment that benefits everyone involved. We are so grateful for all the hard work they put in to make our school community better!

Treasurer's Report (Nina Baker):

- Tonight, we will vote on new budget. Our expected profit was \$19,630 and we are currently at \$39,884.68. Administrative profit at \$5,170.00. Expected income for 5th and 6th grade is \$5,950.00 (including Trunk or treat and Carnival). PTA money was used to provide social and emotional tools and toys to our social worker and psychologist as well as a catch box for school wide and grade-based gatherings. We are not participating in school supply boxes this year. Fall picture day money will be used to offset 5th grade year books. There are only 233 members of PTA who have paid dues. ****NOT EVERYONE HAS PAID DUES****

Council Report (Tara Longo):

- Trick or Treat Street will take place at the high school on October 30th, followed by the Turkey Trot on November 23rd, which will be part of a school attendance competition. During the recent discussion, Scanlon highlighted the importance of celebrating student achievements outside of school. Additionally, there will be a focus on the transition for 6th graders, ensuring they remain near the school and can stay together during this important change.

Principals Report (Mrs. Pickford):

- Mrs. Pickford shared that the school year is off to a great start, with the recent open house being a huge success. This year, parents must be notified of all lockdown drills, and the district will inform everyone about evacuation drills, which will include eight drills total—four at the beginning of the year, lockdown drills in the middle, and the remaining four when the weather is nice.

- The PBIS (Positive behavior interventions and supports) kickoff is happening this week, with each grade level participating in a "pep rally" in the auditorium focused on appropriate behavior and goal setting. Students had the chance to use a Catch Box, a soft square that allows everyone to be heard when passed around, a gift from the PTA.
- Club notices for grades 2-6 will be sent out at the end of the week, with students allowed to join no more than one club per day. A letter will be sent out on Thursday and information/sign up will go live on the school website Friday morning at 9 a.m.
- Additionally, PBIS will feature a "Stars in a Jar" program, where students earn stars as a grade level that can be banked or redeemed for prizes, promoting teamwork and class participation.

Membership Report (Kelly Javidi):

- Kelly thanked everyone for the big turnout, especially the class contacts for attending the first PTA meeting of the year. Many board members are nearing the end of their terms, and there is a strong encouragement for those with younger children to reach out and get involved as current members' children are aging out. Additionally, it is very important that all members of the PTA make sure to pay dues as the PTA offers grants of up to \$2,500 to the staff and school which includes three recent grants such as new books for the fifth-grade book club, Slumberkins and other tools for social worker/psychologist, and PBIS Catch Box.

OLD BUSINESS (Kelly Javidi):

- The recent event at Micky's Ice Cream was a great success with staff volunteering their time.
- Additionally, the FAST program has begun.

NEW BUSINESS (Kelly Javidi):

- Upcoming Events/Programs:
 - Family Connect Night (9/25/24)
 - Homecoming Banner Making (9/26/24)
 - Welcome Back Carnival (9/27/24)
 - Color Run (Date TBD); More info to come
 - Truck or Treat (10/25/24)
 - Fall Plant Sale – Ordering is now available

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Kelly Javidi):

- We have two grades graduating this year so we have to duplicating 6th grade for 5th grade funding. Money from the truck or treat will go to 6th grade and money from the carnival will go to 5th grade. **Please spread word on carnival to support 5th grade**
 - PLEASE watch start time proposal and give feedback. Minnesauke is part of the proposed later start. Feedback is at 50/50 so now if a time to voice your opinion.
 - Kelly announced the new board members and chairs
- Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday, 10/22/24; 7PM – 8 PM ZOOM

*Motion to accept Wednesday, May 30, 2024 Minutes	1 st ; Sophie Jones	2 nd ; Nina Baker	Motion carries
*Motion to accept PTA Council Budget:	1 st ; Danielle Butler	2 nd ; Nina Baker	Motion carries
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*Motion to adjourn:	1 st ; Danielle Butler	2 nd ; Corinne Bubolo	Motion carries
*Meeting adjourned:	7:30		

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