

MINNESAUKE PTA AGENDA

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 30, 2024, 7:00pm – In Person

Call to Order: 7:04

Pledge of Allegiance.

BOE Report (Dr. McKinnon):

- Very excited about the appointment of Stanley Bak to the BOE as he brings a lot of Experience in education and with 3 young children in the district it'll be great to have Someone on the board that is focused on elementary education.
- The new Houghton-Mifflin literacy program finally moved into the implementation stage, To be added in gradually to run in conjunction with Foundations for now, with the ultimate goal being to completely transition away from Foundations eventually This new program is robust with a strong phonics component
- Some of the elementary schools will see the appointment of new principals for the 2024-25 school year in order to promote more stability. Minnesauke has been unaffected by these changes.

Correspondence (Elizabeth Simon)

- Thank you to the Minne PTA from Mrs. Bottner
- Student Thank You notes for the PTA. Large outpouring of appreciation.
- Minne PTA thank you note and desserts from Mrs. Archer. Touching note of thanks

Treasurer's Report (Nina Baker)

(Entire budget to be posted)

- The balance forward at \$55k+, with the most recent fundraisers being the Plant Fair and the Minne Soiree and Basket Raffle.
- Expenses have been incurred for events like Movie Night, Field Day apparel and Staff Appreciation.
- Last years 6th grade class and this years class combined funds for the 6th grade gift and purchased a Minnesauke branded pop up tent

Council Report (Danielle Butler)

- No update

Principals Report (Mrs. Pickford)

- State Testing has been completed; with opt-outs down to 23% as compared to LY 28%

Recap of recent events:

- Multi-cultural night and the art show combined for a great turnout
- Day to Shine – promoting inclusivity with this Field Day event held at Ward Melville with One of the best moments being the Pep Rally held at Minne to cheer on the Participants
- Spring concert was beautiful with a special tribute to Mrs. Aupperle who is retiring
- Kindergarten screening; 3 great days, went very well
- Students performed at the Ducks game last night (5/29); great evening

Events Coming Up:

- 6/3: Jump rope assembly 'Learnin' the Ropes" to kick off Field Day on 6/4; In lieu of field day shirts, the PTA organized an amazing assembly
- Safety Town for 3rd graders
- 4th grade beginner concert

- 6/4; Field Day
- 6/7; 3rd grade concert
- 6/11; Ward Melville graduates walk the halls
- 6/14; Flag Day
- 6/14; 6th Grade Celebration
- 6/17; Pre-K moving up ceremony
- 6/26; Last day of school and the Wave Out

Membership Report (Christine Kanakaris)

- Membership remains the same

OLD BUSINESS (Kelly Javidi)

- Recent Events:
 - Budget Presentation: (5/1):
 - Ward Melville Color Run (5/4): fundraiser for scholarship fund – (4) \$250 scholarships awarded to former Minne Students. Winners will be announced at the awards night
 - Multi-Cultural Week (5/6-5/10):
 - Staff Appreciation Week (5/6-5/10):
 - Plant Sale Pick Up (5/10): short turnaround
 - Kindergarten Screening (5/13-5/15):
 - Bus driver appreciation (5/15): very nice and appreciated. Had some honk outs
 - Basket Raffle & Soiree (5/16): so fun! Big thanks to all

NEW BUSINESS (Kelly Javidi)

- Upcoming Events/Programs:
 - Family Picnic and Movie Night (5/31); Event starts 7 and the movie begins at dusk Mister Softee and Island Empanada are providing food and treats
 - Kindergarten Orientation (6/7)
 - Flag Day (6/14)
 - 6th Grade Celebration (6/14)
 - PTA Appreciation Reception (6/18) – Dirty Taco in Smithtown
 - 6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony (6/21)
 - Kick off assembly to kick off field day on the 4th
 - Spring fling – 6/21

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Kelly Javidi)

- Important Dates:
 - NO School (6/19)
 - Half Days (6/24, 6/25, 6/26)
 - Last Day of School (6/26)
 - MINNE PTA thank you note and desserts from Mrs. Archer.
 - Touching note of thanks

PTA Board Elections; 2024-2025

- Tara Longo is the head of the Nominating Committee.
 - All positions were unopposed

Board Slate:

President: Kelly Javidi (Year 2 of 2)
 Corresponding Secretary: Elizabeth Simon
 VP of Events: Samantha Lodato
 VP of Fundraising: Christine Kanakaris
 Treasurer: Nina Baker (Year 2 of 2)

Recording Secretary: Michele Taylor
Chair of Staff Related Events: Corinne Bubolo
Chair of School Related Events: Marta Pollina and Jessica Crisci
Chair of Public Relations: Sophie Jones
Chair of Finance: Christina Geraci Barry
Historian: Danielle Butler

*Motion to accept May 1, 2024 Minutes: 1st; Nina Baker 2nd; Danielle Buter Motion Carries
*Motion to adjourn: 1st; Sam Lodato 2nd; Danielle Butler Motion Carries
*Meeting adjourned: 7:26pm

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