

MINNESAUKE PTA AGENDA

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 7:00pm – Zoom

Call to Order: 7:02pm

Pledge of Allegiance

BOE Report (Dr. Kerman): Unable to attend

Correspondence (Elizabeth Simon): No correspondence to report

Treasurer's Report (Nina Baker):

- Balance forward as of 3/24 is 43K +
- NOTE: Some funds raised by the Book Fair was used to cover cost of Milk & Cookies
- Funds are starting to come in from the Soiree:
 - o \$6K has been collected thus far; used to pay for the Waterview deposit, as
 - o Funds used to pay the Waterview Deposit and the deposit for the DJ

** (Entire budget to be posted)

Council Report (Danielle Butler):

- Topic of Hochul budget cuts was addressed and Dr. Scanlon indicated that the District was able to recover most of those funds from other sources.
- It has been re-confirmed that the move of the 6th graders to the middle school and the 9th graders to the HS has been voted in and will be implemented for the 25/26 school year.
- Retirement packages were offered, so we will see 57 teachers/staff retiring

Principals Report (Mrs. Pickford):

- STEAM Night was incredibly received. Thank you to Students, Staff and PTA
- Read Across America and the events surrounding it, i.e. Drop Everything and Read, Trivia was a huge success. Students and Staff had so much fun with it.
- 6th Graders participated in hands on CPR training in PE, performed by Setauket Fire District Manager Dace Sterne. Students learned the steps to take in an emergency.
- 6th graders were treated to the performance of Little Women at Gelinas.
- We had a sign language assembly for the 1st and 2nd graders.
- Autism Awareness is coming up in April
 - o There will be an educational assembly and a school wide walk & fundraiser
- Testing is coming up
 - o ELA - April
 - o Math – May
 - o Science; for grades 5 will be 4/30 and 5/1

Membership Report (Christine Kanakaris)

- Numbers are still the same with 319 paid members. Great number!

OLD BUSINESS (Kelly Javidi)

- Recent Events:
 - o Minne Winter Festival/Ice Skating Night (3/1):

- Both sessions sold out quickly. We may consider offering 2 nights as was offered in the past.
- MINGO; Led by Mine 6th Graders (3/8):
 - \$313 raised toward the Minne food pantry! Very successful!
- National Pi Day/1st Annual Steam Celebration (3/14):
 - Pies for the staff was amazing and very appreciated.
 - 32 students participated with amazing presentations.
 - Mad Science came and put on a performance that the students loved.
- 3V Teachers Sports Night (3/15):
 - Incredibly fun event and over \$4k was raised for scholarships.
- Dine and Donate hosted 3V Setauket Diner (3/22): \$250 raised.
- Coins for Kenya: **\$1,370 raised!**
 - The 4th grade won with the most amount raised per class.

NEW BUSINESS (Kelly Javidi)

- Upcoming Events/Programs:
 - Drama Club Performance (4/5): Come out and support
 - Ticket sales should be opening soon
 - 6th Grade Spring Social (4/12):
 - Picture Days (4/16 and 4/17):
 - No obligation to purchase, but money raised is used on 6th grade yearbooks.
 - F.A.S.T – Spring session is beginning next week lottery is fairest way to do it.
NOTE: This is an extremely popular program with a limited amount of space, So the Number of students must be limited.
 The PTA does understand there may be some disappointed students, however the lottery system is the fairest way to manage the overflow.
 We do ensure that if your student misses a session, they are guaranteed a spot in the next session during that school year. We will not be able to carry over to the next school year, it is just logistically too difficult to manage.
 - Soiree Tickets: on sale on pta website. Please look for donations.
 - ON SALE ON THE PTA WEBSITE (minnesaukepta.com)
 - Please be on the look out for donations!
 - 5th Grade Events – 2024/25 School Year
 - Parent involvement is of the utmost importance in order to bring the '6th grade-like' experience to our 5th graders; Trunk or Treat, 2 socials, Yearbooks, etc.
 - Some parents have already reached out wanting to be involved;
 - This level of participation is a must!
- Coins for Kenya:
 - \$1,370 raised; with 4th graders collecting the most.
 - NOTE NEXT PTA MEETING and Budget Presentation:
 - **Wednesday, 5/1. Class contacts, bring class baskets**
 - REMINDER: No School Friday, 3/29, Monday, 4/1, 4/10, 4/22-4/26-Spring Recess

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Kelly Javidi)

- ❖ Board Slate:
 - Executive Committee Officers
 - President; Kelly Javidi

