

MINNESAUKE PTA AGENDA

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 7:00pm – In Person

Call to Order: 7:04pm

Pledge of Allegiance.

BOE Report (Dr. Kerman):

- 5/21 - Elections and voting for school budget.
- Dr. Scanlon and Jeffrey Carlson will be in to go into detail.
- Regarding the elections, 2 existing candidates are running for re-election, with 2 new candidates running.
- The district is doing well, no issues

Correspondence (Elizabeth Simon)

- Student Council thank you's, with a big Thank You from Ms. Mizell

Treasurer's Report (Nina Baker)

- Ending balace of 4/28 is \$64k +
- Soiree income just over \$8k with costs just under \$2k.
- Arts in Education budget is just under \$5k
- Recent costs:
 - o Field day – PTA providing headbands in lieu of shirts this year
 - o Science Fair almost \$1300
 - o Quickbooks renewal - \$705

(Entire budget to be posted)

Council Report (Danielle Butler)

- Reporting by Kelly Javidi;
 - o Dr. Scanlon spoke about recent retirees and how that effects the budget.
 - o Piloting literacy programs
 - o Go math discontinued
 - o New regents thru 2027 (no impact to us)
 - o 21.2 students is the average class size at Gelinas

Principals Report (Mrs. Pickford)

- We had a very busy month
 - o Autism Awareness Month observed
 - Assembly hosted by Special Education Staff
 - Light it up Blue Sprit Week and Spirit
 - 1st ever Autism Awareness walk (1st of many)
 - o ELA testing complete
 - o Math testing coming up this month
- Field Trip Season is upon us
- Multi-cultural and art show overlap and expected to be a fun night
- 5/14 – Day to Shine at Ward Melville. Minne will have a pep rally to cheer them on
- Field day for K-5
- 5/15 – Spring Concert for grades 5 and 6
 - o No tickets, but asking everyone to stick to 3-4 guests only because the auditorium can only accommodate 500 comfortably.
 - o There is a day show available as well
- 5/21-5/23 – Kindergarten Screening
- Safety Town

Membership Report (Christine Kanakaris)

- 320 members

OLD BUSINESS (Kelly Javidi)

- Recent Events:
 - Drama Club performance (4/5):
 - Beautiful Show. Congrats to all
 - 6th Grade Spring Social (4/12):
 - Spring Picture Days (4/16 & 4/17): don't have to buy them, but kids all sit. We pay for yearbook with profits from spring pics
 - No obligation to purchase, but all students do sit for pics and PTA uses profits to pay for yearbooks

NEW BUSINESS (Kelly Javidi)

- Upcoming Events/Programs:
 - Budget Presentation: (5/1):
 - Ward Melville Color Run (5/4): fundraiser for scholarship fund
 - Multi-Cultural Week (5/6-5/10):
 - Chairs Stephanie Buffa and Sarah Pew; still looking for sponsors for tables
 - Contact Stephanie or Sarah for more information
 - Staff Appreciation Week (5/6-5/10): theme – in our appreciation era. Providing something each week for the staff.
 - Theme: In Our Appreciation Era
 - Providing something each week for the staff
 - Plant Sale Pick Up (5/10): short turnaround
 - Short turnaround, so get your orders in
 - Kindergarten Screening (5/13-5/15): and busdriver app. Same day outside
 - And Bus Driver Appreciation is the same day; outside front
 - Basket Raffle & Soiree (5/16): red carpet. Don't have to go all out! Have fun with it. Cocktail attire would be nice. Be cool bulk of our budget comes from this night! Doors will open approx. 2 hours before if you can't make it but want to do raffles
 - A Night on the Red Carpet Theme; have fun with it! No need to be formal
 - Bulk of PTA budget comes from the proceeds of this event
 - Doors will open 2 hours early for those that can't make the event, but still
 - Want to bid on the raffles
 - Family Picnic and Movie Night (5/31): More info to come

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Kelly Javidi)

- Teacher Grants: PTA puts aside money each year to grant proposals
 - The awarded proposals:
 - Admin – Wireless microphone system
 - 5th Grade - new book club books
 - Mrs. Woodruff: Slumberkins curriculum
- 5/23 – NO SCHOOL (Unused Snow Day)
- 5/24 – 5/27 – No School in observance of Memorial Day

Next PTA Meeting: Thursday, 5/30/24; 7pm - in person

*Motion to accept March 27, 2024 Minutes:	1 st ;	Nina Baker	2 nd ;	Sophie Jones;	Motion carries
*Motion to adjourn:	1 st ;	Christine Kanakaris	2 nd ;	Danielle Butler	Motion Carries
*Meeting adjourned:		8:32pm			

Budget meeting:

Presentation by Dr. Scanlon and Mr. Carlson

- Highlights:
 - The \$9M cut that was being proposed by Gov. Hochul was not passed
 - Foundation aid was not increased, but did not decrease either
 - The Board did plan according to no increase, yet no decrease in mind
 - The district does have the opportunity to raise money through charging tuition for out of district students (that may be a fit for 3V) that attend 3V
 - 3V does not pay tuition to any other district
 - Staffing:
 - Big part of our budget; with enrollment leveling off, it is impossible to anticipate the number of K'ers that will be entering the district
 - Out of 75 retiring teachers/staff this year, not replacing 15 due to lack of need
 - Saving approx. \$250k with repositioning for retired teachers
 - In the midst of hiring now for all different types of positions
 - 800 applications were received for elementary positions
 - 2024/25 School Year:
 - Mount – hiring 2 addt'l teachers
 - Nassakaeg – hiring 1 addt'l teacher
 - NOTE: Principals advocate heavily for their school and to have class size in acceptable range
 - Curriculum:
 - ENL is increasing considerably
- Some big costs that we have little control over
 - Transportation and Utilities
 - Huge Cost: Health Insurance – increasing this year
 - Security: Other districts look to 3V to learn how to do it right!
- Text Books – increasing with the new literacy program
- Special Ed. And ENL – 1 teacher being added in those areas based on Federal and State Regulations
- Proactively looking for grants
- Supplies, materials and equipment being cut
- \$3M for capital projects: Reno for Ward Melville with 9th moving over; Leftovers will be used for bathrooms, etc
- If budget does not pass, we re-vote or revise
 - If budget still doesn't pass, we go to contingent and at least \$4M in cuts