

9.20.22 PTA Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order

Recording secretary's report: We did not have any minutes to approve.

Corresponding secretary's report: Kate shared thank you cards received.

Treasurer's report:

Current bank balance = \$226,394.12

2022-2023 Budget was reviewed. Budget is similar to last year. The income is based on the Kitchen Tour returning. We hope to see income over \$70,000, but that is where we have it planned in the budget. Throughout the budget you will see that special events have been increased for inflation. Beach Day came in under budget. New items have been added to the budget, which include the Drama Club, and the Facility Lounge.

We moved to approve the presented budget, and parents suggested the line item for PTA Meetings be reduced from \$5,000 to \$2,000. Suggestion was for end of year party to be a more affordable and casual event. Everyone agreed to make this reduction. This reduction brought the overall budget to breakeven for the year.

A motion was made to approve the budget. The motion was seconded. PTA members voted and the budget was approved.

New Business:

Reminder to sign up to be a member of the PTA. The link to register can be found in the Tiger News. Cost is \$15 per person or \$20 for a family.

PTA meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of the month, after drop off.

Theatre Program Update - is being run by Staci S. We hope to start the program in late Fall to early Winter. The plan is to run the program with the Spring Lake Community Theatre. Dr. LaValva suggested that some teachers may also like to be involved.

Faculty Lounge Update – Over the summer, Mrs. Levine contacted the PTA and asked to support the revamp of the Faculty Lounge. New furniture and equipment, like a coffee maker, was purchased by the PTA. The lounge is looking great, and photos will be shared soon.

Wait Until 8th Update – this is an assembly which is planned to be at Mountz in Oct. The assembly focusing on cyber bullying and navigating social media. The assembly provides parents with information on how to help your children maintain healthy face to face friendships and how to manage the intricacies of social media. Wait Until 8th is a national advocacy campaign, which hopes to encourage parents to come together and wait until 8th before giving their children a smart phone. The idea is to work as a community to make the pledge because if all agree to delay there will be less peer pressure for the children who do not have phones yet. More information can be found on their website.

Teacher Liaison Report:

Mrs. Callahan introduced herself and explained that she is the teacher liaison with the PTA. She thanked the PTA for the BTS Breakfast. And for the PTA's work on the Faculty Lounge. She said it is a great space for the teachers to come together.

She shared that the school is always looking for new assemblies and to reach out to her with any suggestions. And they are also always looking for ideas for mini grants, so reach out to her with any ideas.

The teachers have signed up to volunteer at the Kitchen Tour. They want to support this big event!

The PTA has already committed to help with Character Count prizes and items throughout the year and she thanked everyone for the support.

Administrator's report:

Dr. LaValva's Report:

Dr. LaValva thanked the PTA for all they do. For the BTS Breakfast. And for the PTA's work on the Faculty Lounge.

He shared that BTS night for the middle school was held last week and will be help for the lower grades this week.

Last week they ran a test of emergency communication. If you are registered with webmaster, oncourse, and code red you should have received 3 different communications from each of these sources. If you did not but wish to please contact Mrs. Campbell.

He shared that the school would be interested in installing a hydroponic system for the kids. The cost is \$14,000-\$17,000 for the tank. And \$6,000 a year to maintain.

Mrs. Levine's Report:

Mrs. Levine welcomed everyone back. And thanked the PTA for all they do. For the BTS Breakfast. And for the PTA's work on the Faculty Lounge.

Scores for NJSL assessments will be sent out this week.

In October students will take the Start Strong tests.

Curriculum Enhancements were made over the summer. A lot of the standards were revised. And will be shared at the upcoming BOE meetings. A new civics course is being introduced to the 7th grade.

Committee Updates:

Beach Day Recap – Beach Day was a great success! Thank you to event chair Maria, and to all the volunteers who made it a great event.

Hot Lunch Update – Lunch will launch 10/3. A parent e-mail welcoming everyone to the Food Days ordering system will be sent out. There will be 2 pizza days, on Tuesday and Thursday with pizza, drinks and snacks. The other 3 days will include: Ray’s café, Jersey Mike’s and Bubbakoos. The program will cost between \$3.00-\$8.00. If you have questions, you can contact Jessica R.

Committee Chairs Update – We are still in need of some chairs. Information on all committees was sent out and will be sent out again. Everyone is encouraged to join committees and to attend the PTA meetings.

Social Chair Update – This year we will have one social event a quarter. The goal is to get everyone together! The first event will be next Thursday at the Brielle River House from 5:30-7:30. It is a fundraiser and will cost \$60pp, with \$10 pp going to the PTA. Spare Parts will be performing that night. Contact Carmen with any ideas or suggestions.

Kindness Run Update – we are moving this event to the Spring, since we have the Kitchen Tour back live this Fall.

2022 Kitchen Tour Update: The Kitchen Tour will 10/22/22! Thank you to the Kitchen Tour Chairs, Cheryl L, Nicole V, and Merit S. This will be the 20th Anniversary of the Kitchen Tour. Please contact the Kitchen Tour Chairs if you are interested in volunteering, and or working as a Committee Chair. This is the PTA’s biggest fundraiser, and we ask for 100% parent volunteer participation. This year there will be some enhancements to the tour! We are sold out and currently have a waiting list. We ask all families to volunteer. There will be an after party on 10/22 and everyone is welcome to attend.

BOE Liaison Report:

No report this month.

SLED Liaison Report:

No report this month.