



June General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 5, 2024

Start Time: 10 07

End Time: 11 29

Location: Admin Building

Administration

1. Dr. Garibay 2. Erica Reynolds 3. Phil Capasso

PTO Executive Board

1. Kim Kaufman 2. Samantha Amato 3. Amy Linquinto 4. Monika Kozicz
5. Linda Kraszewski 6. Jennifer Mule 7. January Nicoletta 8. Penelope
9. Rebecca Roach

Attendees

1. Rosalie Mannarino 2. Lenka Mariakova-Greicius 3. Martina Marinakova-Melnicak
4. Kara Romano Brick 5. Danielle Stropoli 6. Ashley Sandbach 7. Stephanie Collura
8. Jennifer Reisinger 9. Allison DiSimone 10. Erin Culotta 11. Tara Edgette 12. Kristin Stark
13. Dr. Reynolds 14. Dr. Garibay 15. J. Osmond 16. Phil Capaso

The meeting was called to order by our President, Kim Kaufman and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Announcements

Mr. Osmond

Thank you PTO for all the support. Everything we tend to ask for PTO usually supports. We have a great partnership. Bust time of year. Assembly today and Really Big Shoe. Nice to welcome the community back into our buildings. Have a great summer.

Dr. Reynolds

Great year. Had a great time at the gala. I'll be here all summer. Bridge program registration is closed but if anyone is still interested contact/email me. Thank you for your time and looking forward to summer. Map testing finishing up
We created a new summer assignment set up. Capaso and I created a summer work site. How to login in directions. Any students who took MAP will have personalized work to help skill plans according to MAP score.

Summer survey last year about summer assignments. Many felt they wanted to spend time with the family. Reading can be done anytime.

Required work for 6 7 and 8th for summer

July 8-28 summer bridge starts. School building under construction but we will make it work.

Phil Capasso

Thank you for a successful year. Working w pto is wonderful.

Summer work website. Important to follow

End of a year chrome book collection . DOne every 3 years. All kids will get a new chromebook this year. 3rd to 8th grade.

Collections will be at the end of year. Bag situation is a question mark now

Website will have info on how to login to sites with the new chromebooks.

Garibay- We lease the chromebook annually. Cost effective to do it this way.l

It's easier and cheaper to lease . Updated to newest version. After 5 years the chrome books are too old to update.

Kim said that some parents have asked to buy their children their own chromebook. Gariby replied, they won't and don't have the same firewall protections controls that schools have. We put up all these firewalls to protect the child. Parents would have to monitor the security and safety of the chromebook. Ordering 70 plus books it easier to update and protect

If one goes down we can replace it. If you own it's on you to replace or repair.

Dr. Garibay

Thank you to the executive board. Thrilled so many opportunities have come back to school - mini grants, Speakers, etc . We are running on course with enrollment. Under 100 for Kindergarten next year. No big staffing changes. We were fortunate not to get any real budget cuts.

Question for the audience. Do we get confirmation about Summer Bridge? Garibay- Yes it will be out in detail soon.

Rec camp will be at Cedar. With all the construction we were lucky enough to place all the kids in camp and summer bridge students.

We want everyone to feel confident enough to come to us with any questions or concerns. Teachers, staff etc. We are not on social media so we don't seek those questions put out on social media. Reach out through email or call.

Kim Kaufman-President

Rigby is at Stokes and Barr is at Kindergarten Orientation

Volunteer of the year

We have 5 winners. It was fun to read the letters submitted about our nominees.

These paragraphs were wonderful to read.

Lenka and Martina are a dynamic duo.

Jennifer Reisnger has consistently chaired her children's events since preschool. Ran all 3 milestones events for her children.

Danielle Stropoli charges everything. Creativity is one of her assets. She chaired so many events this year.

Ashley Sandbach behind the scene volunteers but is a huge asset when chairing events.. She does wonderful things for our events.

This year's Gala raised over \$50,000. Our center pieces were amazing. We got requests from other districts to rent. Next Gale Date is March 25, 2025. Themes are already being discussed.

Save the date for Harlem Wizards **Nov 18, 2024** Monday
Teacher and staff vs the Harlem Wizards.

School supply open. 24-25 school year. It is a fundraiser but you do not have to participate. You can edit the list of supplies . Supplies get delivered to the school which saves the kids from lugging the supplies in on the 1st day of school. 2nd grade does not have headphones on the list bc they are ear buds

List is provided by the administration. Click on grades and order. Sent right to school. Every kit is customizable. It is a fundraiser to get a percentage back. Volunteers come in to distribute. Have till July 4th to customizable then it gets locked.

It's our 1st year as president and vp. All our fundraisers and all our events are because of all the parents. Thank you for all

End of Year Recap

Gala well over \$40K

Read a popular thon again this year. Thank you to Kirsten . \$20K Read across America week

Bringing things back to school. Examples store back, field day, book fair, book swap. It Feels great to be back on school property for student activities. Over summer we will keep in touch with membership. Final snapshot of this year.

Samantha Amato- Vice President

Mini Grants Final

Thank you all

School store Thank you Danielle x2 for the school supply store. We had 3 of them raising \$4,216.00

\$30,000 for mini grants

Primary had a lot of assembly's

Spiritwear we have a new vendor. Store is opening up at the end of August

Thank you to veteran moms Mariel and Ashley and newbie Danielle Stropoli for Teacher Appreciation Week.

It's a 5 day event for our teachers. State testing did not help but it all worked out. Thank you for all your help.

Minted free \$ program like amazon \$20% off and we receive 15 % .

Thank you for a wonderful year. It's my 4th year on the board and 1st my 1st as VP.

Book Fair

Since there was no book fair this fall Ms. Frick, the CRPS and CRES librarian, wanted to squeeze it in before the end of the school year so kids could buy books for summer reading. If you are available to help out there's a sign up sheet on the homepage of our website. All of the money earned from the book fair will be used by Ms. Frick to make improvements to the libraries.

Rebecca

I'm leaving at the end of this school year.
Membership (most members ever) 539 total
Last year 527
156 staff
Over 50% of the staff are members
383 parent memberships

Social Media

Facebook followers has grown we have 768 following

FACEBOOK	
June 2024	
768	
INSTAGRAM	
June 2024	
115	
TWITTER	

We update it thoroughly 2x a month
Student activities do not get posted. All our events are on home page
Photo montage please send in any school photos. We are working on it constantly.
Any Interest in monthly sponsors for our website? If you have a business or know someone please let us know if you are interested in sponsoring.

We encourage you to engage in posts. Once you follow you give permission for us to tag you and repost. We maintain media releases. Ask permission first. If you want us to share you have to like us. Block out faces for sharing. Any questions answered on the platform's direct messenger. Only students are related. Not about student activities. I.e. Color run, book swap, book fair.

Jennifer Mule- Student Activities

Significant number of students attended the events.
All students done except 5th and 8th grade.
Thank you to the moms who chaired events.
-Any questions please email me.
Thank you. This year went smoothly.
2nd moving up just finished

8th grade and 5th grade are coming up next

Rebooting frosty

New vendor "Penguin pop". Fresh updated stuff has more variety. Mom owned items that follow's the trends. It will be better than last year

Lenka - Question: Can we have kids vendors?. To encourage the children.

Kim - it's been done in the past. Because it takes away from the vendor we are looking into doing it another time as a separate event

We can look into it because I know some of the kids are very creative. Need ideas of who can run it. If someone is willing to chair then we can pick a time and day. When you do it with adult owned vendors it's hard to have the children vendors at the same time.

Jenn Reisner FYI about photo montage. Keep a record bc the 8th grade montage is usually the last 2 years only. It would be nice to have all the years since pre K the younger . It's wonderful to have all years

Kim Kaufman

Thanks Rebecca for your years on the board fundraising then communications director.

Did/created all the format permission slips for all the grades

She's moving on to bigger things in her personal life.

Kara is joining as membership director.

In the budget there is hope and our goal to make all student activities free. We are doing our best to not have a charge with the exception of the 8th grade dance. It's been worked up in the budget. We know prices go up in everything. We want everyone child to be able to attend these events.

Participating at the gala, school store, and readathon helps too.

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Garibay screen time- no one is learning through a computer. Practice happens at home thru ixl, raz kids,etc

Math is an online program. They have workbooks too through the years to offer a variety of sources, best resource is online

History search on chrome book shows when they were active. It looks like the child is on for 40 mins but they were not. They might have logged on to raz kid , ixl other learning apps.

Internal we can see activity time individualized time at each or in each program. We don't want parent to feel concerned about running time not screen time

Handwriting curriculum

Danielle Stropoli- hand writing book comes home empty like it was never opened.

Garibay- we started in 3rd grade.

January Nicoletta- Secretary

Approval Reports

Approve March 2024 Treasurer Reports (Stephanie Collura and Jennifer Reisinger)

Approve April 2024 Treasurer Reports (Stephanie Collura and Danielle Stropoli)

Approve May 2024 Treasurer Reports (Martina Melnicak and Lenka Greicius)

Approve March General Meeting Minutes (Martina Melnicak and Ashley Sandbach)

Approve Kara Brick as Membership Director (Danielle Stropoli and Stephanie Collura)

Approve Amy Linqinto as Communications Director (Ashley Sandbach and Allison DiSimone)

Approve Title change for Joanne Passalacqua to Fundraising/Sponsorship
(Ashley Sandbach and Danielle Stropoli)

Questions/comments

Meeting ended