



April General Meeting
Thursday, June 15, 2017

Attendees:

Rebecca Roberts
Stephanie Collura
Nancy Morin
Stephanie Lukowitz
MaryJane Garibay

Amy Dimes
Marci Klein
Kristie Tierney
Steven Gimbelman

Courtney McCormick
Martha Cowles
Kathy Gizzo
Marian Castor

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 am.
Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

MaryJane Garibay

Thank you everyone. This has been a whirlwind of a year. What a fantastic year! The children really enjoyed the innovation labs and tower gardens that the PTO so generously supported. Last night at our celebration of learning, the kids spoke about the science initiatives and their positive experiences in the innovation labs. It's been a great year! The PTO sponsored events have been fantastic! Thank you for all your hard work! We are winding down for the year. Commencement is Wednesday night. There will be 2 enrichment classes over the summer. Last night we recognized so many students. I felt like a proud parent of all the children and their accomplishments. There will be meaningful conversations happening in the district over the summer. We are working on making student progress available on genesis portal at all the schools, all the time. Next year there will be earlier conferences and the focus of the conferences will be goal setting for the year. There will be a new math program K-5. It will be the same program we currently have, but it is the new and improved version. Next year, Mrs. Plumfield and Mrs. Rogers will teach science in both the primary and elementary schools. We are continuing to work on our communication. We will continue with the district calendar and the eblasts. Thank you for everything.

Executive Board Reports

a) Patricia Pecoraro / Danielle Gibson– Co-Presidents

8th Grade Dance - TOMORROW. It's going to be fabulous. It's going to be at the Colts Neck Inn this year. Looking forward to it!

7th Grade Activity- There was additional money in the budget so we planned a trip to I-play next week.

School Supplies - Two weeks left to order supplies if you want them delivered to the school. You have additional time if you want the supplies delivered to your home.

Volunteers of the Year - Thank you for all that you have done to support the schools and the children. The award winners are Steven Gimbelman, Stephanie Lukowitz, Rebecca Roberts, and Sharon Tappen.

Open Board/Chair Positions

We need teacher appreciation chair positions as well as many others. Spread the word that there are a lot of open chair positions and we will be including them in the PTO registration.

Martha Cowles spoke about teacher appreciation week. It was the week of May 8th and the theme was Rock and Roll. Monday, the opening act, was a continental breakfast and at Cedar Drive they cheered for the teachers as they entered the building. Tuesday, was a Jimmy Buffet lunch, which happened at the teachers' lounges, the admin building, and the bus garage. Wednesday was fan tributes, which included desserts sent to all the schools. And, on Wednesday, the primary school also had Soul Focus there to give the teachers massages. Soul Focus went to the Elementary School on Thursday and Cedar Drive on Friday. Thursday the focus was for the children to show their appreciation for the teachers. There were raffles in each school, each day, with items donated from local businesses. Martha and Debbie Boag (2 of the 3 chairs) are retiring and moving on since their children are graduating. They recommend at least 2 if not 3 chairs for next year. Three chairs is best so that each chair can take a school. Martha thanked volunteers, donors, and the PTO for all their help with making this event a success.

b) Courtney McCormick - Vice President

Minigrant Approval - Mrs. Tarby asked for an additional \$132 to cover the cost of the platform. It will be used for the different performances done at the elementary school. It can also be used by the band and for the Big Shoe.

Field Days Re-cap - Everything went really well! The gym teachers and volunteers did a fabulous job! The kids had a great time. This year the Primary School did a beach theme.

c) Amy Dimes - Fundraising / Sponsorship

Thank you to the board and all the volunteers. I love being part of this community!

d) Jennifer Winkelmann- Student Activities Director

We still have the 7th grade end of the year event at Iplay and the 5th grade moving up ceremony.

e) Stephanie Collura- Communications Director

Look out for PTO registration in August.

f) Kristie Teirney – Assistant Treasurer

If you have any receipts for reimbursement, please get them to me as soon as possible.

g) Nancy Morin – Treasurer

Amazon Smile -

Same thing as Amazon. Go to smile.amazon and amazon will donate .05% to PTO if you select the PTO as your charity.

2017-2018 proposed budget - In your packets is proposed budget.

Treasurer's Report for month ended 4/30/17:

Ending book balances:

- checking \$30,061

- gaming \$ 17,659

- savings \$16,662

Notable income:

- \$15,320 spring gala

Notable expenses:

- mini grants \$30,091

Treasurer's Report for month ended 5/31/17:

Ending book balances:

- checking \$33,159

- gaming \$ 17,661

- savings \$16,662

Notable income:

- \$2,065 5K

- \$1,775 Spring Gala

Notable expenses:

- mini grants \$1,408

h) Marci Klein – Secretary

Approve April/May Treasurer's Reports (January Nicoletta, Steven Gimbelman) all were in favor.

Approve April Meeting Minutes (Stephanie Lukowitz, Steven Gimbelman) all were in favor.

Approve ByLaws (Sharon Tappen, Stephanie Lukowitz) all were in favor.

Approve Mrs. Tarby's Minigrant (Martha Cowles, Stephanie Lukowitz) all were in favor.

The school district will be offering a STEM camp this summer, Camp Innovation. A flyer is going to go home with the students.

We want to recognize January Nicoletta who is leaving us, but chairing many positions next year. Thank you!

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.