



October General Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Attendees:

Richard Beck Maureen Finnegan Colleen Panico Colleen Procyk Melissa
Jones Jim Osmond Lysa Cook Phil Capasso

The meeting was called to order at 9:25.

1. Annual State Testing Report Presentation

- a) Melissa Jones, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, gave a presentation on our Annual State Testing Reports.
 - Her presentation can be found on the district website. Please see below for questions asked during the presentation.
 - Patricia Pecoraro asked what happens for students who score a Level 1 or a Level 2 on the PARCC testing. Mrs. Jones explained that the PARCC test reports enables us to identify students' strengths and weaknesses. The district uses the PARCC test as well as district assessments to differentiate instruction and target areas of need.
 - Danielle Gibson asked about the subjectivity of the scoring of the Language Arts section of the PARCC test. Mrs. Jones explained that there is some subjectivity in both language arts and math; however, the subjectivity in the language arts is greater than the subjectivity of math. In an attempt to eliminate the subjectivity, all scorers go through the same training and use the same rubric.
 - Maureen Finnegan brought up the lack of correlation between some PARCC scores and the district report card scores. Mrs. Jones explained that in some cases there is a disconnect and it's a district goal to form a committee to create a new report card. Maureen also asked which score is more representative of the student. Mrs. Jones said she is not speaking on behalf of the district, but she feels that the report card data should be weighted more heavily than the PARCC reports because the teachers know their students more than a single assessment.

- Mrs. Jones asked Richard Beck to discuss the IEP and 504 subgroups listed in the test score reports. He explained that accommodations are given for students who have an IEP as well as for students who qualify for a 504.
- When reviewing the district percentages for various subgroups, Nancy Morin asked if it is possible for one student to fall into numerous subgroups. The answer is yes, one student can be in more than one subgroup.
- Danielle Gibson asked a question about the meaning of ‘valid test scores’. Mrs. Jones explained that invalid test scores are for students who are unable to complete the assessment due to illness, etc.
- Colleen Procyk asked if MAP test scores are going to be shared with parents. Mrs. Jones said that parents will receive the scores and the scores will be discussed at parent teacher conferences.

2. Executive Board Reports

a) Patricia Pecoraro / Danielle Gibson– Co-Presidents

- Patricia asked Colleen Panico if she’d like to speak about the Fall Parent Social. Colleen shared that it’s a casino night being held November 18th at Battleground Country Club. The committee has its first meeting next Tuesday, October 18th, at Colleen Panico’s home. The committee is still looking for additional table sponsors and the favor.
- Danielle reminded all volunteers to complete the online volunteer training. Volunteers will not be allowed in the building if they have not completed the training. Mr. Osmond recommended calling the school prior to visitation and confirming that your name is on the completed volunteer training list.
- This year the PTO is working with MaryJane Garibay to create a goal driven fundraiser.
- Trunk or Treat will be on October 29th from 2-4. There will be an ice cream truck, spin art, and lots of fun activities! If you want to register your car, please contact Justine Buzzetta. If you aren’t registering your car, please bring a giant bag of candy to help replenish the trunks.

b) Courtney McCormick - Vice President

- The initial order for spirit wear is in place and will be delivered to the schools next week.

- Movie Night is THIS FRIDAY, October 14th, at Bucks Mills. The movie being shown is ‘The Incredibles’. Refreshments and spirit wear will be available.
- SaveAround Coupon Books were distributed last week. Children will be bringing books back to school or they will be bringing in checks for the books purchased.
- Mini-Grant application submission closed yesterday. Thank you for everyone who submitted applications. There will be a meeting next Monday to review the applications.

c) Amy Dimes - Fundraising / Sponsorship

d) Jennifer Winkelmann- Student Activities Director

- We are participating again in the Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Similar to prior years, we will be purchasing pies from Battleview Orchards. Flyers will be in the students’ backpacks end of October.

e) Stephanie Collura- Communications Director

f) January Nicoletta – Assistant Treasurer

- Box Tops flyers are going out this week. October 17th is the deadline for submission.

g) Nancy Morin – Treasurer

- August Treasurer’s report
Student activities numbers were adjusted for the 9/15/16 BOE student population numbers.

Register balances as of 8/31/16:

- Checking \$37,987
- Gaming \$23,738
- Savings \$26,655

Notable income items:

- \$3,000 deposit to Eagle Oaks for the Gala
- \$886 for Spiritwear samples

Notable expense items:

- \$6,413 for the legacy gift of Tower Gardens in all 3 schools

- Parking spot - Thank you to everyone who participated. This year's winners are:

Primary - Melanie Yale
Elementary - Kelly Fiore
Cedar- Sharon Johnson

Winners should contact the schools to get their PTO cones.

h) Marci Klein – Secretary

- The secretary moved to approve the following:
 - September Meeting Minutes (Colleen Procyk, Maureen Finnegan) all votes were in favor.
 - August Treasurer's Report (Colleen Procyk, Maureen Finnegan) all votes were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned 10:05.