MINNESAUKE PTA MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

April 11, 2022, 7:30pm, Minnesauke Cafeteria and Zoom

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* Call to Order at 7:40pm by Danielle Butler
* Pledge of Allegiance
* Principal’s Report (Mrs. Pickford)
  + Site Based Team – Multicultural Week is coming up the week of May 9. Working on having an assembly sometime that week. Children will also decorate a paper person to represent their culture. Evening event will be held that Thursday with events in cafeteria and opportunities to tour the building to see representations of cultures, countries and continents.
  + DEI – Students distributing sign-up sheets to engage students in discussions about book “The Day You Begin” by Jacqueline Woodson. WM students will also be coming to work with elementary DEI ambassadors.
  + Cultural arts trips are planned into spring. Thank you to PTA.
  + Placement Season – Parent input form will be on website as of 4/15 for input regarding child’s learning styles, previous relationship with teacher. Keep in that requests for particular teachers for the following year are typically not accepted.
  + ELA testing was smooth. Math testing will be Tuesday and Wednesday after break. Science testing will be coming up as well. If you don’t want your child to take test, e-mail Mrs. Pickford.
  + School will be closed from Friday-Tuesday for Memorial Day Weekend.
  + Question to Mrs. Pickford: Will multicultural night include food? Mrs. Pickford said the focus will be on arts and presentations, not food.
  + Question to Mrs. Pickford: How many students took the ELA? Mrs. Pickford said 65% took the test.
* Board of Education Report (Shaorui Li)
  + Idea is to encourage people to take the tests. State wants to gather more data.
  + Budget - Board follows recommendations. There will be further reduction of budget by 0.2% to keep expenses at level where students are not affected. On Wednesday, the Board will vote on the budget. Final vote will be on May 17. Will also have series of public presentations to the community for budget review to PTAs. Mrs. Pickford says that Mr. Carlson and Mrs. Pedisich will be at Minnesauke on May 10.
  + Question from Mrs. Li to the PTA about quality and variety of lunch - Mrs. Pickford says it’s a supply and demand issue and that parents can reach out to office of child nutrition with concerns.
* Council Report (Monica Balsan) – Danielle says 3V council hasn’t met. They’re meeting tomorrow so no update.
* Membership Report (Traci Gross) – Currently 234 members. We have 2 more months, but after June 1, the PTA starts collecting for 2022-2023. Can sign up through Memberhub or download form from Minnesauke PTA webpage. Membership is $10 per person. Open to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.
* Correspondence (Leslie Dahl) – No correspondence.
* Treasurer’s Report (Cristy Barry) – Budget is posted on PTA website. Current balance is $34,589.94. Increase in income because of Soiree (about $9k including carry over from 2020). Made some money on Drama Club, Family Connect Night (just under $400 from Duck Donuts), and about $300 from Chico’s Tex Mex. Ordered sling bags for 6th grade from PTA, not the 6th grade committee, also purchased new laptop for the PTA.

OLD BUSINESS – Danielle Butler

* Recent Events
  + Cardhop Fundraiser – Closed. Thank you to people who ordered. We appreciate participation.
  + 6th Grade Spring Social (3/25) – Thank you Tracy, Christine and Kristen.
  + PVSA applications (due 4/8) – Chauncy Cone is managing.
  + April Family Connect Night (4/5) – Duck Donuts – Thank you for support and Duck Donuts in Selden.
  + Drama Club performance (4/8) – Hosted 4th musical with High School Musical Junior. Over 40 kids were in the cast from grades 3-6. Generated almost $2,000 profit between ticket sales and intermission sales. Show was light in props, background, scenery, but in future might apply funds to upgrades to light board and sound system. Thank you to all participants, volunteers. Thank you to Nina Baker for manning intermission table.
  + Thank you to Emily Ortmann (Arts & Ed) for participation.

NEW BUSINESS – Michelle Capobianco

* Nominating Committee will be chaired by Cristen Fitzgerald. Looking for volunteers to help her with upcoming PTA elections. PTA will put out a list of positions to fill. Please contact Michelle, Danielle or Cristen.
* Dine & Donate (Thursday 4/14) – The Whisky Barrel (Port Jefferson). Dine-in or take out. Flyer coming home soon.
* Staff Appreciation Week (5/2-5/6) – Kristen Gironda and Christine DeGeronimo – Will be asking class parents to help to collect donations for beverages.
* Spring Raffle Basket Soirée at the Old Field Club (5/5) – Many beautiful baskets are coming in. Please go online and buy tickets. There are still a couple of spots for 1st hundred tickets sold.
* Plant Sale (5/6) - Christina Haas – Orders due 4/13. Will also post flyer on the Facebook page tonight.
* Multicultural Week and Evening Festival (5/9-5/13, 5/12) – Stephanie Buffa – Mrs. Pickford discussed.
* Family Connect Night (5/19) – Have not yet determined an activity, but will keep posted.
* Spring Fling Outdoor Dance Party (5/20 6-8pm) - Sophie Jones and Samantha Lodato – Grades K-5. Thank you to Sophie and Samantha in advance.
* Family Picnic and Movie Night (6/3) – Cristen Fitzgerald and Elizabeth Simon.
* Field Day (6/7 & 6/15) – K-5 on 6/7, 6/15 is 6th grade. Working on getting donations for t-shirts. Anticipating having parents attend.
* Color Run (6/18) – Jess Ciardullo and Kelly Javidi – Finishing up details to round out events for summer.
* Spring Concert is Wednesday, 5/18 at 7pm (5th and 6th graders). Beginners Concert is Tuesday, 6/6 at 7pm (3rd and 4th grades). Both will be in auditorium. Tickets will be distributed (2 tickets per family). Possibly will be posted to YouTube channel, possibly Cherished Guests. Mrs. Pickford will keep up to date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* Next Minnesauke PTA meeting and elections will be in person, Tuesday, 5/10 @ 7:30pm, Minnesauke Cafeteria

\*Motion to accept March Minutes – Motions (Cristy Barry and Cristen Fitzgerald). All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

\*Motion to Adjourn – Motions (1st – Cristen Fitzgerald, 2nd – Samantha Lodato). None opposed. Motion carries at 8:05pm.