

MINNESAUKE PTA MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING
December 1, 2020

-Call to Order: 7:33 pm

-Pledge of Allegiance

Principal's Report (Nancy Pickford): Thank you to the PTA for the staff and teacher lunches, chalk the walk and signage. Everyone really loved and appreciated it. Parent Teacher conferences will be held in the evening on 12/10 and during the day on 12/11, no school for students that day. The new swing was installed and the students have really been enjoying it. The chalkboards will be installed on the back walls soon to give the students more activities to enjoy during recess. Mrs. Pediscih sent out a travel advisory email before Thanksgiving break. If you and your families travelled over the Thanksgiving break, please fill out the form attached to her email. Please continue to fill out the Daily Health Assessment everyday before 8:30am. Failure to do so leads to disruptions for the students, staff and classes when that child needs to be called down to the nurse for a health assessment.

Board of Education Report (Bill Connors): There have been 3 B.O.E. meetings since he last attended a Minnesauke PTA meeting. On 10/14 auditing of the fiscal condition of the district took place. Jeff Carlson is doing an excellent job along with the superintendent. An extra \$6.4 million has been spent districtwide to add more classes, staffing and to implement the reduction of class sizes due to the COVID 19 pandemic. On 10/29 the B.O.E. held a meeting to discuss a Special Education personal matter. On 11/18 The Three Village Industry Advisory Board met and discussed the interface between business and schools. There are 8 members on the committee, headed by Bill Connors, Mike Ardolino is the chairman. On 11/9 the Anti-Racism Task Force met. This task force consists of educators, staff, students and parents. It's aim is to promote equity and equality in schools and the community. Their next meeting is next week.

Council Report (Michelle Capobianco): The PTA Council has made some changes in leadership. They formalized their policies and procedures and in turn had to reelect members.

Treasurer's Report (Christine DeGeronimo): Balance forward is \$21,424.47.

Membership Report (Traci Gross): We are currently at 241 paid PTA members.

President's Report (Danielle Butler): PTA is still restricted from being on school grounds. The Prestige Fall wrapping papers sale is over. Thank you for all your support. Square I Art will be coming directly to your homes, thank you Michelle Capobianco. Our 1st ever virtual Book Fair has just concluded. We will be having another book fair in the spring, more details to come on that. Thank you to Stephanie Buffa and Kim Golub. Mrs. Woodruff is still collecting gift cards. The deadline is this Friday 12/4. She is asking for gift cards, but Amazon seems to be the best way to go. Many feel unsafe entering stores, so amazon is the most convenient. There is an ornament fundraiser happening from now until 12/10. Personalized ornaments, hand painted

and sent directly to your home. The website is <http://www.moesornaments.com>. Use the code Minnesauke at check out and our PTA will receive 25% of the proceeds. 12/10-12/11 are parent teacher conferences, no school for students on 12/11. Our winter break is from 12/23-1/1, we return to school January 4th.

Anti-Racism Task Force Update (Cheryl Donnelly): They had their first meeting, it went great and had a robust turnout. There has been a lot of interest to be on the committee. It consists of educators, staff, students and parents. They realize they have a lot of work ahead of them and they are up to the task. Teachers shared their personal experiences. On 10/10 Erase Racism is holding a free workshop for staff and administration. Any questions or concerns can be brought to Mrs. Pickford.

Book Fair Update (Stephanie Buffa): proceeds will go towards purchasing books for our school library and/or classroom libraries. There will be another book fair scheduled in the spring.

Christen VanSumeren Fitzgerald suggested having a Holiday Light Display tour, after the success of the Scarecrow tour. She will be posting on our PTA facebook page with details soon.

Motion to accept October minutes: Leslie and Cristen motion. Motion carries.

Motion to adjourn: Leslie and Cristen motion. Motion carries.