

MINUTES

Lillie B. Haynes PTA Minutes

February 15, 2023 / 6:30pm

In Attendance

Jennifer D'Angelo –President, Jessica Stearns – VP, Sarah Susco – Treasurer, Emily Shrader – Secretary
Brian Kalkreuth- Principal,
Staff/Teachers- Tracy Gilpin, Laura Tiffany, Parent- Samantha Saren

Introductions

Everyone was introduced.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Kalkreuth thanks families for their contributions to the Kindness Day celebrations.
- Upcoming Events: Next Thursday, the Coast Guard will be putting on a performance for the school. Carol Glynn is working with 2nd graders on their plays. The performances will be recorded, and a link will be shared out for parents and families to enjoy. They will also perform for the rest of the students in school. A dentist is coming to discuss dental health with Kindergarteners. Read Across America week (2/27-3/3) will include spirit days, including dressing up as your favorite book character.
- There will be a public hearing on 2/27 regarding the district budget.

Treasurer's Report

- Sarah went over the **Profits and Losses** sheet. Profits include Amazon Smile, Membership Dues, and the Change Challenge. Expenses include Elf Shelf for next year, Miscellaneous (4 folding tables), popcorn (for 4th grade- We switched to a cheaper yet healthier popcorn brand), Staff Reimbursement, new checks for the new bank account, and staff lounge restock. This month we brought in \$1,184.19 and spent \$1,280.99. The bank balance is \$20,287.85 at Chelsea Groton and \$13,742.94 at M & T for a total of \$34,030.79.
- Sarah created a non-profit Amazon account to save us money on purchases.

Fundraiser's Report/Old Business

- **Change Challenge** was a great success. We made \$1,084.93. Grade 2 won and they enjoyed playing at extra recess with Mr. Kalkreuth.

Upcoming Events/New Business

- **Review of Bylaws:** CT PTA want us to keep the duty of the secretary maintaining a list of members, so we added that back in and fixed some formatting. The bylaws were posted on our webpage and Facebook and notice was given a month ago for this vote of approval. Emily made a motion to pass the updated bylaws. Sarah seconded the motion. All in favor raised their hands and the motion passed to approve the bylaws.
- **Banking:** M&T is leaving the Stop and Shop location so we switched to Chelsea Groton. We voted on this last month. We expect to close out M & T soon.
- **District Budget:** There were good turnouts at the last 3 BOE meetings and several people spoke against the proposed budget which would have eliminated 18.5 positions. The next meeting is on 2/27, and the BOE will vote to approve a budget. It seems that the speakers had an effect and the BOE would like to reinstate

all 18.5 positions, bringing the budget up to an 8.88% increase. Parents and teachers need to continue to show support at Board of Finance and Board of Selectman meetings to not see further cuts.

- **Yearbook:** Please contact Carrie Estabrooks to volunteer to take pictures or help with communication. Carrie would also like to help train one volunteer to take over for the future. Please contact Carrie if interested- carrie.estabrooks@gmail.com.
- **Directory:** A student directory has been created for parents to coordinate birthday parties, play dates and other social events. Classroom teachers will email the directory to families. Sami suggested having the QR code at the conferences. We will also have it at Back to School night in the Fall.
- **Butter Braids and Cake Rolls: 2/27-3/13-** These will arrive frozen in time for Easter. We will need volunteers 3/31/23 for distribution. Please contact Jen D'Angelo to volunteer. Top selling grade will get extra recess.
- **Flanders Fish Dine Out- 3/6/23- 5pm to close.** 10% of all sales (cooked food only- dine in or take out) will go to the PTA. We will have a small basket raffle as well.
- **Spring Book Fair: 3/17/23-3/24/23.** We made it the same length as the Fall Book Fair but there are several half days to consider. The teachers' preview and breakfast will be 3/17/23 and classes will make wish lists the same day. Monday through Wednesday of that week will be half days. Students will do wish lists/shop in the morning. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons parents will have the opportunity to shop before or after their conferences. Thursday (3/23) students can shop all day and the parents can shop during the family fun night (6-8pm). It won't be as crowded since parents will have had multiple opportunities to shop but we still prefer cash, check and ewallet since credit cards can freeze the machines. We will try to get a booster for the internet signal. We will need volunteers during the shopping hours listed above as well as during the afternoon of 3/16 for set up. We plan to provide some vouchers for teachers for free books once again. 10% of our spring sales will come back to us in scholastic dollars as a reward for having 2 book fairs. To promote eWallet, the class with the most amount of eWallet funds will earn a basket of free books for their classroom! Friends and family can contribute to eWallets and help our school earn rewards. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Emily Shrader.
- **Family Fun Night & Basket Raffle: 3/23/23- 6pm to 8pm.** We will have the Rolling Tomato (no fee and no minimum) and Jumping Cow Ice Cream truck (\$350 minimum- PTA would have to pay the difference if they don't make \$350). Food will be purchased outside, and families can eat in the cafeteria. Entertainment will be Magic by Derek (\$275) and will be on the stage side of the big gym. The baskets will be on the opposite side of the gym. Classes will be assigned a theme for the basket raffle and parents can send in donations. The room parent or a volunteer parent from each classroom will need to provide a container/basket/tub or arrange for donations and then put the basket together. Information will be sent home next week. The Book Fair will be going on in the small gym at the same time. Please contact Jen D'Angelo if you'd like to volunteer at the Basket Raffle.

Comments/Next Meeting

The next Lillie B. PTA meeting is March 15, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Lillie B. Haynes Library.