

May 17, 2023 / 6:30pm

In Attendance

Jennifer D'Angelo –President, Jessica Stearns – VP, Sarah Susco – Treasurer, Emily Shrader – Secretary

Brian Kalkreuth- Principal,

Parents/Staff- Samantha Saren, Robin Foley, Danielle Lavallee, Devon Sullivan, Bre Beach, Kelly Hanretta, Tracy Gilpin

Introductions

Jen called the meeting to order, and everyone introduced themselves.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Kalkreuth announced the referendum, and that voting would be 5/18 at the community center from 8am to 8pm.
- The Science Spectacular is also 5/18 6:30-8:00 for 3rd and 4th grade families.
- The PE teacher is looking for field day volunteers.
- There are many end-of-year events, field trips and activities. Kindergarten Beach Day is 5/25. Step up day is 5/12. Spring Concerts will be 5/30 & 5/31 in the evening.

Treasurer's Report

- Sarah reviewed the Profits and Losses sheet. We got our last Amazon Smile pay out, so we will close the M&T account. Other income included more Square One Art money and Yearbook. Expenses include Elf Shelf for next year, School Enrichment, popcorn, Teacher and Staff Appreciation, Amazon Non-profit account, and T-Shirts for next year.
- This month we brought in \$345.97 and spent \$6,076.35. The bank balance is \$25,439.81 at Chelsea Groton and \$3,848.68 at M & T for a total of \$29,288.49.

Fundraiser's Report/Unfinished Business

- Apparel Sale made approximately \$600. We are hoping the items will be in the first week of June.
- LBH Shirts- The PTA pays for shirts for incoming Kindergarteners, new students, and new teachers. Everyone receives one free shirt. The parents need to pay for any additional or replacement shirts. Next year Kindergarteners will be wearing lime green. We ordered 78 shirts from our apparel fundraiser. The PTA will receive \$5 back from each shirt.
- Teacher Appreciation Week- Celebrated 5/8-5/12 and was a huge success. The PTA did something different each day. Monday- Donuts and coffee (Thanks to Flanders Donuts for donating half of the donuts.) Tuesday was a catered lunch from Nana's Byrek and a free raffle. Nana's has always been great about giving us extras and trying to keep costs lower. Wednesday was a candy buffet; Thursday was Concession stand style snacks and Friday was Pizza sponsored by the Hanretta/Hobeika family. Teachers really enjoyed having something different each day. Many thanks to Jen for working so hard to make it special. Tracy Gilpin commented on how amazed the teachers and staff were and how grateful they are for making this week so special.

- Kindergarten Meet and Greet- There will be 2 Playground Meet and Greets on the fish playground, Wednesday May 24th and Tuesday June 6th from 3:30-5:30. This is a great opportunity for incoming Kindergarteners and parents to meet each other. The PTA will provide snacks and Danielle Lavalée will be organizing.
- 4th Grade Ice Cream Truck is Wednesday June 14th at 2:15. The cost for up to 80 servings is \$400.

Upcoming Events/New Business

- PTA Elections: Sarah and Jessica will be stepping down and Emily will move to Vice President for the 2023-2024 school year. The nominating committee posted the available positions for 2023-2024 and have nominated Samantha Saren for Treasurer and Danielle Lavalée for Secretary. They have accepted these nominations. We held a vote and both women were unanimously voted in and they will take on their new positions effective July 1st. Thank you to Robin, Bre, and Devon for volunteering on the nominating committee. Thank you to Sarah and Jess for all their hard work on the PTA over the last 2 years.
- Upcoming Fall Events: Charleston Wrap is booked for 9/11-10/2, Lyman Orchards is booked for 10/2-10/16, and the Fall book fair is booked for 10/13-10/23. More info on a Fall apparel sale and other events and fundraisers will be forthcoming.
- Thank you to all the parents and families for their fundraising efforts throughout the year. The PTA was able to do the following: \$6,000 for the Barnes Grant (plays, dance, musical experience), \$500 per grade for classroom experience, 4th Grade mile run apples and waters, T-shirts for incoming students, Kindergarten Meet and Greet snacks, Classroom Books for Read Across America, Meet the Principal, Teacher Reimbursement up to \$80 each for supplies, Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat, Popcorn for Star Auction, Yearbooks for 4th graders, Science Spectacular, 4th grade ice cream truck, Teacher and Staff appreciation, \$500 for ELHS scholarships, Elf Shelf, Fall and Spring Book Fairs, and the Spring Family Fun Night and Basket Raffle.

Comments/Next Meeting

Emily wanted to clarify that a vote yes at the referendum will pass the budget. A vote no will send it back for more cuts. There is no way to add more into the budget.

Emily had a question about the field day hours. Are volunteers expected to stay all day? She suggested the teacher split the volunteer hours into 2 or 3 time chunks. 7:30 to 4:00 is too long for most parents.

Carrie commented that the yearbook has been ordered and is expected to come in 6/8. She will be sorting after school on 6/9 and will contact Janet for conference room availability.

This was the last PTA meeting of the year.