

Old Mill Road General Membership Meeting

September 17, 2024

Meeting Opening

- Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

President's Report

- Introductions to each role Co-Presidents Jackie Luciani and Christa Hughes, Correspondence: Kelly Cipriano, Committees: Suzanne Atamian, Membership: Jennifer Hoover, Fundraising: Dee Dee Sulla, Recording Secretary: Lisa Rollins, and Treasurer: Runy Thomas
- New Parents Welcome Tea (1st day of school included new parents to school and kindergarten)
- Welcome Back Picnic Friday big success for PTA for fundraising and signing up members
- Assemblies (1st one today)
- Fun stuff coming up like dances
- Afterschool and before school clubs

Principal's Report

- Thanking PTA and new board members
- Welcome back picnic was great to see so many families
- Project HELP: Leadership program with Mrs. Sekunda and Todd Benjamin who is a mental health coalition member; There are 16 6th graders who signed up ; They worked with the students for a 2 hr training session and last week the 6th grade students worked with the 3rd grade students to help ease their minds and transition from 2nd grade to 3rd grade since the curriculum and study skills gets more demanding. They did activities that helped with building confidence and study skills; They had 4 stations set up in the cafeteria and the 6th graders really took on the role and became teachers. The plan is to meet again. The pilot program is off to a great start and looking forward to expanding it in the future
- Thank PTA for the Draw Along Assembly today the students really enjoyed it and had them engaged and laughing
- The 3rd grade recorder concert will be April 24th at 9 AM

BOE (Dr. Seniuk and Mary Keene)

- Welcome Back so excited to be here
- 1st PTA meeting in all schools tonight

- Highlights to start the year was the Meet, Greet, and Treat (always a great day students meet teachers ahead of time)
- Meet the Teacher last week across district; It was great how our classrooms and schools look (teachers decorate rooms on their own time to make it look amazing for the students) a lot of positive feed back
- Old Mill Road picnic and Camp Ave Picnic and Fayette Movie Night last Friday (events went well; students and families had a great time)
- Ice Cream Social SEPTA at Fayette great event with families and siblings, admin, faculty and staff; another visit outside the school day
- Mr. Carter building use forms speak to NYSER to use the building
- Fall is a great time of year: Boo Bags, Mums, Evacuation Drill (new law by NYS parents must be notified a week in advance)
- Rosh Hashanah next Thursday and Friday (October 3rd and 4th)

BOE

- BOE usually 2nd Tuesday every month but next month it is October 15th
- Public meetings start at 7 PM please come up to the microphone to express concerns

Treasurer's Report

- Started the year with \$38,334.75 as of July 6th
- Expenditures, outstanding costs, and first day of school costs which totaled \$3,912.12
- As of September we have a balance of \$42,815.92

Correspondence

- Keep up to date with current events in the school to check parent square each night
- Also to check Facebook and Instagram which is a great way to see photos and keep up to date
- OMR PTA is a part of all grade levels
- Reminders for upcoming events, Spirit Days, etc... will go out on parent square
- Email omrcorrespondence@gmail.com with any questions or comments
- Trying to reduce paper for the environment so stuff is more digital now

Teacher Reports

- Back to school picnic was fun for the teachers to dance and spend time with students

Teachers who will be working with us this year:

Ms. Vanella-ENL

Mrs. Moser-2nd grade teacher

SEPTA

- District wide PTA not just students with IEP
- Lots of fun events coming up
- Please join
- Art Night Monday October 7th (\$20 SEPTA members and \$30 non-members) with Mrs. Block kids and parents work together to create a painting an email went out
- Fundraiser: Boo Bags open on 9/25-10/9 (\$5 per boo bag) non food and food options
- Spooky Bingo at Fayette 10/28 (free for members)
- Spirit Wear

Committees

- Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the picnic
- Volunteering is they select their first choice, second choice, and third choice and we try to honor that (just for fall)
- Parents have been selected for picture day
- Parents can wear the school shirt (purchase from Melissa)
- Cannot bring a sibling and must bring a license
- Must work in the event and must be flexible and no guarantee you will see your child but we will do our best to make sure you can
- Robyn is the chairperson for picture day
- Still looking for committee chairs Kinder and 6th grade graduations (if you are interested in chair) if anyone cannot chair the events but want to help out they can
- Reflections: Gina will be taking it on
- Fall Festival Christina and Holly

Standing Committees

- Assemblies, Arts and Education-Tina Silvers
 - *I will not do it next year so if anyone wants to do it I will train
 - *Biggest part of the budget
 - *One assembly for both littles and bigs it is cheaper (2 separate assemblies costs 2 to 3 thousand dollars)
 - *Draw One Today which was virtual to kick off Reflections

*Next Assembly for Red Ribbon Week to focus on bullying and making good choices (types of bullying on all aspects for littles and bigs and play it out)

* After that assembly for Black History Month: Laser Light Show not sure if we will do glow sticks again

*NYI will be coming for free

*We need an assembly for reading week if any ideas (author was hard to keep attention of the students for PARP week)

- Box Tops- Karina Madigan
- Mums-Leanne Krauss
 - *Sale is closed for today will stay open online until Friday
 - *Mums or Kale
 - *Appreciate Leann's help
- Picture Day-Robyn Blanchard
- Fall Festival-Holly Piazza and Christine Kublo
 - *They will speak and share next time
- PARP-Edward Wong
- Grade Captains-
 - K: Meredith Glemboski
 - 1st:Stephanie Kane
 - 2nd:Dulce Brumfield
 - 3rd: Sarah Dmitriev
 - 4th: Natalie Ciccone
 - 5th: Gina Sartori
 - 6th: Kathleen Lawler
- Holiday Boutique- December 5th to 6th Lauren Persico and Caitlyn Mandel
- Class T-shirts- Melissa Chambers
 - *T-Shirts Melissa-flyers sent home for the order form; buy as you need when they outgrow you can buy another one we use for fun day, field trips, trips to Brookside, teachers can find them and parents easier
- Teacher Appreciation-Elizabeth Duran
- Variety Show- Kathy Hasset and Reann Kyriakou
- K-3 Sweetheart Dance-Nicky Germano and Susan Fletcher
- Fun Day – Maeve Schulz and Yuridia Velez-Seaman
- 4-6 Family Game Night- Andrea Pichardo
- Clubs-Danielle Johnsen
- Reflections- Gina

- K Graduation-In need of chair
- 6 Graduation-In need of chair
- Library Honors
- Book of the Season
- Scholastic Book Fair

Fundraising

- First event welcome back picnic was a huge success
- Thank you to all who volunteered to make it a huge success
- We received many donations for local businesses' (The Barn, Bagel Chalet, Frankie's Pizza, China Garden, Bagel Plaza, Trader Joes, Crystal Nail, Teavour, Luanne's, Ilene Sharinn's Nobodoinc, Via Roma Pizzeria, Pet Smart, The Little Gym (Levittown), Spiga Bakery, Children's Shoes, Montana Bros. , Paddy's, Mutts & Butts, Party City, Olive It Floral Boutique, New Men Barber, Merrick Woods, Vallhalan Gaming Center, Brooklyn Dip & Burger, Coffee Basket-Donated by OMR, Merrick Bicycles, Crumbl, Pink Pineapple, Mirror Mirror Hair Boutique, RS Beanery, Cue Bar, Carvel, Three Dog Bakery, Aligned Body Soapery, Carefree Tennis and Pickleball, Bellmore Movie Theatre, Picture Day Gift Cards, LI Aquarium, and Hofstra) we are very grateful for their support
- Fundraisers we already have done: Mabel's Labels and The Long Island Ducks
- Upcoming fundraisers are:
 - *Adventureland October 26th 5:30-8:30 (you can still purchase tickets for \$45 and at the door for \$50)
 - *The Mum's sale orders due today September 18th and pick up will be next week
 - *Spirit wear is still on sale. The order deadline is Tuesday September 24th
 - *Blankets are still on sale on our website along with notepads.
 - *Galleria Pizza Night October 8th
 - *Snap-Tastic Holiday Spectacular brought to you by Pop up Pix on November 9th from 10 AM-4 PM at the North Merrick Fire House. Backdrops are set up. DIY photo event. Bring your own camera! Photographer and volunteers will be on site for assistance (Calhoun volunteers)
 - *Governors Comedy Club-February 27th
 - *Cards for a Cause November 12th-26th

Membership

- Currently have 163 members including teachers
- We want to ensure that everyone knows the benefits of being on PTA
- Continue to promote the many benefits of PTA membership to all family and those that help create our community (helps us to pay for things and allows you to be a part of things we are doing)
- Grandparents can join
- Only \$5 additional members

New Business

- Everything was new so no new business
- Raffles at every PTA meeting
- Spooky Halloween is also on Thursday October 24th if PTA can be moved possibly
- Questions about class captain vs grade captain (group chats and conversations going on and stuff that can be monitored; information will be on parent square; parents can still be volunteers) so that way classes will not be left and money can be distributed fairly

Meeting adjourned at
7:39 PM next meeting Thursday October 24th

Recording Secretary, Lisa Rollins

Co-President Christa Hughs
Co-President Jackie Luciani