

PTA Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2011

Introduction of the 2011/2012 Board Members

Co- Presidents: Maria Merlo
 Jeannie Georgis

1st Vice President Beth Fitzgerald

2nd Vice President Gina Blando
 Rene Vecchione

Treasurer Kristine Occhino

Recording Secty Gina Angelone

Corresponding Secty Patty Stauder

Teacher Reps: Mr. Cunha and Mrs. Bachellor

Mrs. Bresnihan will be taking over while Mrs. Bachellor is out on leave.

Mr. Scarallo – Welcome back to 2011/2012 school year.

He has encouraged all to visit the school/district websites- new updated information.

ELA/Math state test results will be mailed next week if anyone has questions please contact your child's teacher.

NWEA testing for grades 3-6 is an online testing which will help the teachers identify the student's weaknesses. There is no grade for this testing. The test is timed but not rushed. Concerns were raised by

parents that some of the children said the font size for the testing was too small. Mr. Scarallo will check with Mrs. Meyers about changing font size. Question was asked if this testing is going to replace reading groups: “no this is another checkpoint for the teachers to work with.”

Security system is in place and is working now. All faculty have badges that they swipe to get into the school. Buzzer system is working at front door.

PTA goals: to get more parent involvement.

Officers Reports:

Audit: Patty advised that there were no problems. Marta Kiernan, Christine Weber, and Sharon Zuch.

Motion to accept the budget: 1st motion: Patty Biondo 2nd motion: Suzy Maguire

Question was raised about money in the book fair – Patty explained that we took the money last year and we will probably alternate Scholastic bucks.

Correspondence- Mrs. O’Halloran sent thank you’s for field day.

Thank you for teacher’s appreciation luncheon.

New Items:

BBQ- tomorrow is the last day to get your forms in for the bbq. Volunteers are always needed.

Fall Fundraiser: starts Friday- paperwork will be sent home with the students. Due by Oct 4th. Kathy Nealon is chairing this committee.

Snifty Gram: Each class parent will receive a baggie with snifty gram pencils and note sheets to give out at back to school night for parents to leave for their child.

Pictures: Oct. 6th – we are using LifeTouch Photographers – forms will be sent home next week.

Bingo: 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade bingo only. Oct 7th 1st grade, Nov. 2nd grade, Dec. 3rd grade.

Spirit wear: tomorrow night Marta will be selling spirit wear and Septa calendars.

Kids Stuff Books: Oct 12th will only be sent to youngest and only. Gina Blando is heading this committee. \$ 25.00 per book / school gets \$12.50 per sold book. If you sell 5 books you get 1 free.

Blood drive: a representative from Long Island Blood Service came to speak to class parents. All packets will be given to class parents for back to school sign up.

Membership drive: is under way.. \$ 8. Single and \$14. Double membership. Patty Stauder and Gina Angelone are heading this committee.

PTA website: www.orgsites.com/nyrjlpta.

Box Tops: Keep clipping class with most get a party.

Movie night is cancelled due to not enough volunteers to help run.

Problem: Lunch- bagels have gotten smaller- taste funny (changed to whole wheat), kids complained hair in the food, prices have been raised

but lunch is getting smaller. Mr. Scarallo will ask Kathy Martin to come in to talk to the parents regarding the changes made to lunch program.

September Events:

Kindergarten party: overall the kids had a great time.

Back to school night: 4-6 7pm

1-3 7:35pm

Specials 8pm

Class Parents: get in a few minutes earlier to pick up membership, snifty grams and blood drive information for back to school. Also contact your teacher before back to school night to see what they want.

Treasury Report: Kris went over report (see attached).

School Closed on September 29 & 30 Rosh Hashanah

Red Ribbon Week

Teacher Reps: thank you for luncheon

6th grade back to school night meets in GP room.

Next PTA meeting November 17th @ 7pm

Election Day bake sale: headed by Rene Vecchione. Volunteers and baked goods needed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am