

Minutes for September PTA Meeting

Welcome and Pledge-Introduction of returning and new board members

Old Business-Update of Summer meeting:

Less monetary donations made for Back to School Picnic than previous year
Lost Grant from Catskill Mountain Foundation for NYC Play-will re-apply

Administrator's Report-

Anne Rode discussed:

Library's new entrance

Enforcing Dress Code

Enforcing new school policy banning ipods/cell phones and laptops.

Bus and after school use still allowed.

Fire Drills, Lockdown Procedures, 5 evacuation zones

Katy Barber discussed:

Curriculum Instruction-essential elements to help kids succeed

Teachers received developmental training on 100 book challenge, Imagine it!, multi-sensory reading learning, technology training

Test Scores are up! Three years ago 1/10 scored a 1 on ELA test, now 1/100
90% of school reading on grade level

Length of School Day:

New Elementary special classes-Keyboarding, Technology,

State mandated Phys Ed Everyday for K-3

Middle/High School-"Strength of Schedule" for College, more variety of classes, distance learning, Extra Math and English

Homework Help Club starts in Cafetorium

Late Bus reduced to only MWF, 4pm

Upcoming Events- Rachel's Challenge, Bike Helmet Day, Picture Day,
Open House and Clubs

Treasurer's Report- Budget being done on Quickbooks

Currently in bank account: \$12,174.81 many bills to pay

Corresponding Secretary- Read many thank you letters received from teachers concerning teacher breakfast supplied by PTA

Recording Secretary- Will work with Spiroula Sterling and Chrissy Thorington to update website. Will produce PTA Newsletter quarterly.

New Business- Upcoming Events:

Back to School Picnic-everything is set

Halloween Parties- Two parties divided by age group Pre-K to 3 to be run by Cathy Stang and Antonia Beckmann. 4-6 possibly by Lisa Levine.

Reflections-organized by Carol Spear, run in November

Santa Shop- organized by Dawn Savasta, run in December

7th Grade Clearwater Sloop Trip- Ride down Hudson River with focus on Environmental Studies. Will cost \$10 to students and chaperones.

PTA will pay remainder.

Spring trips-5th grade canoeing, 9th grade NYC play

Committees-

After School Enrichment Program will begin in October. Sign ups will be during the first week in October for about 15 classes.

Redemption Programs still continuing. Collecting Slater's receipts again starting September

Membership-Need new membership chair.

Still \$8 membership fee, \$3.50 goes to charter

Class Parents- Parents can download form on school website. Teachers will choose from applicants

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Old Business-

Back to School Picnic was a huge success! Many in attendance, abundance of food, Bouncy House, Climbing Wall, DJ., parent and teacher volunteers. Kids and community had a great time.

Clearwater Trip help September 21st was awesome-Heard first hand from 7th grader Sydney Shuster about catching huge sturgeon, fun ecology lesson about PCBs in Hudson River

Administrator's Report- No Administrators able to attend, conflicting meeting

Treasurer's Report- Working on Budget, will soon be ready for vote

Corresponding Secretary- Will send thank you notes for Back to School Picnic. Some thank you notes read, other lost behind mail box cabinet, custodian will retrieve them.

Recording Secretary- Need to Update website with new board members, minutes, newsletter. Newsletter passed around for evaluation and any additions. Will be sent in back packs next week.

New Business- Upcoming Events:

Halloween Parties-

Creepy Carnival; Pre-K to 3. Saturday, October 31st, 1-3 pm Center Church
Run by Cathy Stang and Antonia Beckmann. Free event with crafts and games. Will get food/drink donations Hope Restoration Community Pantry

Fright Fest; 4th -6th grade Friday, October 30th, 6:30-9 pm Catholic Church
Run by Lisa Levine and Kelly Martin. DJ Jenna to play charging \$200 total
Free, but monetary donations will be accepted

Vote Accepted to increase budget from \$300 total to \$200 for each party
will not necessarily be used

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9th grade NYC play-will attend a Wednesday Matinee

Committees-

Membership- Still need new chair. Business membership discussed

After School Enrichment Program- will begin in October. Sign ups just held for 17 classes including karate, ballet, crafts, swimming, etc.

Redemption Programs- still continuing. Would like to make it a competition to increase donations. Classes with highest numbers will be able to choose prize from catalog. Not enough of an incentive? Class with greatest amount of Box Tops will receive a PIZZA PARTY. Will ask Katy Barber to e-mail teachers and approve a chart of the progress in front hall.

Questions?

Is Bunny accepting winter clothes and coats for those in need? Will ask her Where in the world is the PTA craft closet?

The contents of the PTA closet were moved during the summer construction.

Some items are in the concession stand by the gym. Janitors are looking for rest.

Fundraising Ideas-

Trip to Wolf Lodge

Are you smarter than a 5th grader? Parents/ teachers and High Schoolers compete.

Jessica Creech has the board game and will give it to Natasha Shuster for contemplation.