



PTA Meeting October 30th, 2017

Attendees: Jasmine Galia, Grace LiMandri, Christianne Tomao, Jovan Rashford, Patricia Salamone, Carol Leone, Erin Burmester, Erica D'Urso, Susan Weir

Speaker: Jasmine Galia, President

Mrs. Galia called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm and led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vote: All in favor for not reading the minutes from last months meeting : 39/39 YES

Mrs. Galia turned the meeting over to Mrs. Dimilta.

Speaker: Anna Dimilta, Principal

- Welcome
- Mrs. Drauch
- ELA programs
- Budget

Mrs. Dimilta welcomed everyone and introduced the new Physical Education teacher Mrs. Drauch.

Speaker: Mrs. Drauch, Physical Education

Mrs. Drauch thanked everyone for a nice welcome into the school. She mentioned she will be holding parent workshops in the future so parents can learn more about her teaching. So far in gym, they have begun small group games where students get to work with each other and safety first is always a priority in gym. She also mentioned children cannot just jump into a game without the proper skills. By 2019, every school in the district will need to have a licensed Physical Education teacher.

Mrs. Dimilta mentioned that the grant program that pays Mrs. Drauch's will end next year.

Question: What is the response from the children, do they sense a difference in teaching from last year to this year?

Answer from Mrs. Drauch: they are adjusting well and sense differences.

Question: Is running allowed in gym?

Answer: Right now the focus is working on the small groups and skill building, but yes it will come into effect later on.

Mrs. Drauch also mentioned the process she's working from which is the following steps:

Physical

Cognitive

Physical Literacy

Affective

The objective of all of these steps is that children learn to effectively work with everyone.

Mrs. Drauch will also be teaching health education in the classrooms and there will be much more physical activity in the coming months. The first workshop will be held Thursday 11/2 from 6:30-7:30 pm. We will also be starting an Islanders program from grades 3-5 and we will be setting up a Physical Education web page on our website.

Speaker: Anna Dimilta, Principal

Mrs. Dimilta thanked Mrs. Drauch.

Mrs. Dimilta mentioned that the school purchased the star assessment program for ELA and math. In this program, the teachers data comes in graph form to show students levels for reading. The current data indicated our school needs to focus on ELA. We will still be using IReady.

Budget

Our school has a lower enrollment this year and if students enroll after October 31st, we receive no additional funding. Out of 110 spots in Kindergarten we have 77 filled. The coverage for subs comes from our budget, so there is some concern we will not be able to fund subs.

Parent teacher conferences will be held 11/16/17.

Mrs. Galia mentioned that the PTA bases the amount of fundraising that needs to be done on what the needs of the school are.

Questions/Comments

Speaker: Meg Baker, Parent Coordinator

Mr. Baker mentioned this fall we are doing a collection for the Lymphoma and Leukemia society, Pennies for patients.

Please register at Shop Rite and Rite Stop and Shop to make money for the school and also continue using shoparoo. Also check our website on how you can help make money for the school.

Recycling of bottles will also continue.

Speaker: Grace LiMandri, Treasurer

Balance- \$18,460.07

Membership Collected to Date - \$9,450.00

Ocotber Pizza Day Profit: – \$1,117.64

Shoparoo- \$240.25

McDonald's Night profit - \$565.81

Yubbler school supplies - \$1,873.55 plus \$1,000.00 from contest.

Speaker: Jasmine Galia, President

Mrs. Galia attended the President’s council meeting where topics included the superintendent speaking about common core and teaching through elements of play. In 2021 new testing will be introduced. They also gave a presentation on how to speak to your children about social media which is mandated by the DOE.

Speaker: Jenny Chin, CEC representative

Mrs. Chin attended the meetings in September and October. The September meeting focused on goals for district 25 and the October meeting spoke about MS 379 as a new junior high school. PS 201 has a grant program and PS 120 accepted a DOE North Shore Animal League program.

Speaker: Jasmine Galia, President

- Voting
- Upcoming fundraisers

VOTE: to spend \$1,200.00 on holiday gifts for Staff Members – 18/18 YES

VOTE: to spend \$3,000.00 on Winter fair purchases – 18/18 YES

Upcoming fundraisers:

Paint night is Tuesday 11/14 from 7-9:30 pm.

Miss chocolate sale orders must be in by November 6th and orders will be delivered by December 19th.

Winter fair is Friday December 8th, all day in the gym including the evening from 6-9 pm.

Please provide us with your email for updates and always check the school’s website.

The next meeting is November 20th.

Questions/Comments

Meeting adjourned 8:21pm.

prepared by Christianne Tomao, Recording Secretary

