



PTA meeting minutes October 22, 2018

Attendees: Jovan Rashford, Christianne Tomao, Grace LiMandri, Jasmine Galia, Erin Burmester, Chrissy Tzorbatzoglou, Erica D'Urso, Jenny Chin, Susan Weir, Fran Asaaf, Michelle Gatt

Speaker: Jovan Rashford, Co-President

Mrs. Rashford called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm as we have met the quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance will be waived as the flag is not visible. She then took a vote all in favor of waiving last month's minutes to be read – YES 31/31. She then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Dimilta.

Speaker : Anna Dimilta, Principal

- School data
- Instructional Focus
- ARTS
- Website
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- School initiatives
- Questions/comments

School data:

The state test scores went home and school wide the ELA scores:

68 % of 3rd graders scored a 3 or 4

73% of 4th graders scored a 3 or 4

68% of 5th scored a 3 or 4

Math:

68% 3rd scored 3 or 4

73% 4th scored 3 or 4

76% 5th scored 3 or 4

Overall math scored dropped from 2017-2019.

Mrs. Dimilta said she visited classrooms today we a representative from Generation ready.

Instructional Focus:

For this year it will be to design instruction to support teachers in math and ELA.

ARTS:

Ms. Dawn will be using the theme “Dancing Across the World.” We will also continue our music program. We also do not have enough funding for our ballroom dancing program,

Website:

Our school site is up to date, please use the password 184L4L

Budget:

Senator Braunstein allotted \$75,000 for a technology upgrade. Councilman Vallone has been providing us with Reso grants. Also our technology labs have been update, please ask your children about this. We had a drop in our registers this year so in turn we had very low funding. Now that the registers have gone up a bit, we will expect more funding in November. Iready from grades 2-5 will be funded in math and ELA. Laptops that were donated last year will be put into use as well.

Camera system:

The \$800,000 system currently has no updates we are waiting to hear any information on installation.

School initiatives:

The Algebra for All Initiative is district wide as is the social emotional development initiative. We are also concentrating on bullying and instilled kind behavior in children. Mrs. Lee is going to begin a kindness committee. The 5th grade will have a series of workshops on this; being thoughtful and mindful of your own emotions. The 4th grade will be invited to them as well.

Comment, the pumpkins from the pumpkin patch were not so good this year.

Questions/comments

President updates:

- Mrs. Baker’s updates
- Treasurer’s report
- Box tops update
- Fundraisers
- Votes
- Reminders
- Winners

Speaker: Erica D'Urso, Treasurer

Mrs. D'Urso read Mrs. Baker's updates, the wonderwalk will take place on 10/31, the collection for the March of Dimes will go home on 10/23. The G.O will be doing a penny savers collection for the lymphoma and leukemia my society. We will begin the canned food drive on November 12th.

There will be a middle school application workshop on 10/29 at 8:30am and 6:30pm.

The cold weather is here, make sure you label your jackets etc.

Treasurer's Report

Balance - \$15,860.62

Membership- \$9,575.00

Pizza day - \$1,166.00

Amazon Smile - \$72.47

Shoparoo - \$161.40

The backboards have been paid for, cost : \$4,731.22

Teacher **wish** lists: \$1,100.00

Speaker: Susan Weir, Box Tops

Deadline will be October 31st for submission for the December check. November 16th is the next deadline for the next initiative.

Speaker: Jovan Rashford, Co- President

CEC report: attended by Anthony Baretta, read by Mrs. Rashford , and the meeting was dedicated to High school and increasing diversity in High school.

Fundraisers:

Halloween dance is Friday 10/26, no children from outside of school and it is drop off from grades 3-5, please follow procedures for exit.

Possible flick night 11/16

Winter fair will be 12/7, it will be during the day and night, we will have Santa taking pictures with the children and crafts for the kids. We may possibly have holiday music.

Speaker: Jasmine Galia, Fundraising

Letters to families will be sent out regarding donations, juice boxes, baked goods, prizes. Anything you can donate will increase our prize distribution.

Speaker: Jovan Rashford, President

SLT nominations

All 4 candidates speak to the room and introduce themselves and why they would like to run:

Jasmine Galia, Antonella Golia, Joe Lalley, Eleni Bournis (the rest of the candidates were not present)

Mrs. Rashford distributed the voting sheets for the room to vote, votes will be counted and announced at the end of the meeting.

Votes:

To spend \$3,000 on winter fair gifts all in favor YES 31/31

To spend \$1,200 on staff gifts all in favor YES 31/31

To purchase a new bucket for janitor all in favor YES 31/31

We have had drastic cuts on our custodial staff around \$5-\$7K.

Reminders:

No school on 11/6 Election Day and 11/12 Veteran's day.

Parent teacher conferences on 11/15, dismissal 11:30.

Next meeting 11/26!

Winners for SLT positions :

Joe Lalley :29 votes

Antonella Golia: 19 votes

Jasmine Galia: 19 votes

Eleni Bournis 17 Votes

The winners are Joe Lalley and Antonella Golia and Eleni Bournis. Mrs. Galia declined with the tie.

Congratulations!

Meeting adjourned 7:55pm

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