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Birch Lane
Massapequa Park, NY 11762

Minutes of the General Board Meeting
September 16, 2022

Amy MacLeod, PTA President

- The meeting was called to order at 9:50 am in the Birch Lane Elementary School GP Room.
- A quorum was present.
- Mrs. MacLeod led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Mrs. MacLeod introduced Gracemarie Rozea, Parliamentarian.

Action Items

Minutes of the May 13, 2022 General Membership meeting were approved as presented.

Motion #1: I move to approve the proposed 2022-2023 budget as presented.

Lauren Carollo

Adopted

- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Amy MacLeod. Mrs. MacLeod introduced the officers of the Birch Lane PTA Executive Committee. Mrs. MacLeod thanked Mr. Aspetti and Mrs. Larkin for their continual support for the PTA activities at Birch Lane. Mrs. MacLeod acknowledged the following committees and thanked all committee members for their hard work: the Kindergarten Committee, Membership, Bulletin Board, Spirit Wear, Plant Sale Committee, Picture Day Committee, Back to School BBQ Committee, Hospitality-Staff Luncheon, Arts in Ed, School Supplies, Website, and Birch Twig.
- **Correspondence:** Stephanie Iannuzzi. Correspondence was received by the kindergarten teachers, the first grade staff, the fifth grade team, and Mr. Aspetti and Mrs. Larkin showing appreciation for the staff luncheon.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Lauren Carollo
- **Financial Report:**
July 31, 2022 report: Opening balance \$39,888.27, disbursements \$1,642.23, income \$570.00, closing balance \$38,815.64. August 31, 2022 report: Opening balance \$38,815.64, disbursements \$501.00, income \$976.00, closing balance \$39,300.64. The statements for July and August were reconciled by Erin Liana and were found to be in order.
- **Audit Report:** Stephanie Iannuzzi, Chair. The Audit Committee examined the records of Birch Lane PTA for the period of July 2021 - June 2022 and found them to be correct and in good standing.

OFFICER/CHAIR REPORTS

- **Membership:** Christine Fahey. There are 394 members to date, the membership goal is 100% participation. Early Bird Membership goal has been met and we are nearing the Trailblazer Award goal.
- **SEPTA:** Stephanie Iannuzzi. The first SEPTA Meeting will be on October 12th at the McKenna Senior Center at 7:00 pm. October 21st is the Harvest dance at no cost to members. SEPTA memberships can be purchased through MemberHub.
- **Board of Education:** Christine Rose. Report of the September 8, 2022 meeting: Several informational items were shared including the opening of schools, new teacher orientation, homecoming plans, and a presentation on the sports programs at the middle school level. A resolution was passed to approve a competitive cheer team during the meeting. Superintendent, Dr. Brennan, discussed the Board of Education Goals for 2022-23. Goal 1 – Curriculum, Instruction Assessment, and Technology; Goal 2 – Budget, District Operations, and Facility Projects; Goal 3 – Social and Emotional Learning; Goal 4 – Communication; Goal 5 – Board Operations. Detailed information and all reports can be found on the District Website, Board of Education page.

- **Arts in Ed:** Amy MacLeod. Each grade level will experience an Arts in Ed program: kindergarten – The Velveteen Rabbit; first grade – The Magic in You; second grade – The Earth Dome; third and fifth grade – Submerged Storytelling; fourth grade – The Journeys program. The entire school will attend ‘Cultivate Kindness’ in November. Each student will attend a ‘Books are Magic’ assembly for the PARP program.
- **Back to School BBQ:** Christine Rose. Being held on September 16th with a BBQ. Lawn games, inflatable sports games, a photo booth, and DJ will be part of the event.
- **Spirit Wear:** Christine Fahey. The Fall Spirit Wear online store is open until 11:59 pm on September 25th. Many orders have been received. The committee has started work on the Field Day t-shirt store.
- **Fall Plant Sale:** Vicki Abbinanti. The Fall Plant Sale ends on September 16th. Pick up is in the Kindergarten Courtyard on September 29th and 30th from 3:40-6:00 pm.
- **Health and Wellness:** Diane Sfoglea. Walk, Bike & Roll to school will be on Tuesday, October 4th. Children will be encouraged to wear specific colors by grade to create a rainbow. A scavenger hunt will be included for children to complete on their walk. A question was asked about where students can leave their bikes. Mr. Aspetti said that the Beacon Street side is always open for the students to leave their bikes and for students to enter the building.
- **Picture Day:** Elizabeth Edelbach. Picture Day will be October 12th and 13th. Patken Photography has been contracted and there will be three new background choices. Flyers will be distributed soon.
- **Movie Night:** Meghan DelVecchio. *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile* will be shown on October 19th at 5:00 pm at the Bellmore Playhouse. Tickets are \$10 and include a small popcorn and a small drink. Ticket sales end October 12th or until they are sold out. Children are encouraged to wear Halloween or fall-themed attire.
- **Reflections:** Stephanie Iannuzzi. The Reflections theme is “Show Your Voice.” Projects will be collected at Birch Lane on November 14th from 4:45-6:45 pm and November 15th from 4:45-6:45 pm. More information regarding this contest will be coming home next week.
- **Fall Fundraiser Event:** Jenna Biancaniello. Parents’ Night Out will be held on November 10th at 7:00 pm at Mulcahy’s. There will be a DJ, food, beverages, and raffles. If you have any goods or services that can be raffled, please contact Marissa Fiore at mfioire426@gmail.com.
- **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Teacher Liaisons: Ms. McCree & Ms. Downey

Grade level information was shared. Kindergarten: Daily Routines are being established to help build classroom community. Students are working with numbers up to five; Foundations – letters T, V, F and are learning how to take care of and choose books. First grade students are book shopping and reading independently, creating Reading Workshop folders, and completing their first seasonal book report. Second grade students are learning active citizenship; mental math strategies for addition and subtraction; students will create masks based on a book character. Third grade students are learning: place value, rounding numbers, and adding multi-digit numbers; studying geography; reading fiction stories; starting Spanish lessons. Fourth grade students are learning about place value and how to develop good reading habits; they are studying the map of the world and the geography of New York State; students have had their first enrichment classes. Fifth grade students are using hands-on manipulatives to learn about volume; learning about matter; learning about geography in the Western Hemisphere; their word work includes spelling and grammar, reading, and writing.

Principal Report/Assistant Principal Reports: Mr. Aspetti & Mrs. Larkin

Mr. Aspetti thanked the PTA committee chairs and the PTA Board for their hard work. September 16th is National Thank a Police Officer Day. School improvements include new floors in the GP room and the stage; hallway paneling redone in blue and gold – cross-strips are being purchased to hang student work; four benches have been purchased for the playground. Fifth grade ensembles are starting. Students are finishing I-Ready assessments. Positivity Thursdays begin on September 22nd. Extra help begins on October 12th. Clubs for Grades 3, 4, and 5 will begin in October with online sign ups. A question was asked about clubs for the lower grades - clubs begin in third grade. The science lab is available for teachers to use for experiments.

New Business

- Discussion on PTA meeting times.
- Two proposed bylaws changes will be presented at the October meeting:
 - Change the required notice for PTA meetings from five to three days.
 - Change the quorum for the PTA meetings from fifteen to twelve.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

S/

Secretary

Stephanie Iannuzzi

Approved: _____