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Massapequa Park, NY 11762

Minutes of the PTA General Membership Meeting November 14, 2023

Amy MacLeod, PTA President

- The meeting was called to order at 6:46 pm in the Birch Lane Elementary School GP Room.
- A quorum was present.
- Mrs. MacLeod led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action Agenda

The minutes for the September 15, 2023 General Membership meeting and November 6, 2023 special meeting were approved as presented.

Election of 2023 Nominating Committee Members

President Amy MacLeod called for nominations to the Nominating Committee. Jenny Maher, Amanda Tasakovic, and Dolores Esposito were nominated and elected to the Nominating Committee.

Motion A3: On behalf of the Spirit Wear Committee, I move to increase the Spirit Wear expenses from \$192.21 to \$7192.21.

Jackie Graham read by Stephanie Iannuzzi
Adopted

- **New York Blood Center:** Linda Weinclaw. Little Doctors will come into the fifth grade classes on December 4th. The Blood Drive is December 18th.
- **President's Report.** Amy MacLeod. Mrs. MacLeod acknowledged the following committees and thanked all the committee members for their hard work: Membership, Arts in Ed., Bulletin Board, Blood Drive, Plant Sale, Spirit Wear, Movie Night, Picture Day, Website, The Twig, Health and Wellness, Reflections, SEPTA, and the Fall Fundraiser. Mrs. MacLeod also thanked the PTA Board and Gracemarie Rozea for their work. Mrs. MacLeod read a statement on behalf of the Girls on the Run program. Girls on the Run is a program for girls in third-eighth grade. Girls on the Run did not have a team at Birch Lane this year, but would love to have a team in the spring. Reach out to Amy MacLeod for more information.
- **Correspondence:** Stephanie Iannuzzi. Correspondence was received by the first grade teachers thanking the PTA for the staff luncheon.
- **Financial Report:** Lauren Carollo read by Stephanie Iannuzzi. October 31, 2023 report. Opening balance \$53,469.70, disbursements \$8,569.44, income \$11,975.42, closing balance \$56,875.68. The statements for September and October were reconciled by Elizabeth Edlbach and were found to be in order.

Administration Reports

- **Teacher Liaisons:** Ms. McCree and Ms. Downey. Kindergarten: learning about Election Day and Veterans Day; learning about Thanksgiving. First grade: in science: animal traits and behaviors; in writing workshop: personal narratives; in math: adding and subtracting word problems. Second grade: continuing personal narrative writing unit; in math: how to use different strategies to add and subtract two-digit numbers. Third grade: in math: strategies learn multiplication facts; parts of the map in social studies; in science: forces and how different forces act upon objects; writing personal narratives. Fourth grade: in science: learning how our bodies are made up of systems; in writing: drafting personal narratives; in math: learning about multiplication and patterns. Fifth grade: in math: preparing for mid-unit exams on place value; in science: matter unit; in social studies: learning about the Maya and the Aztecs; preparing to publish their literary essays.

- **Principal/Assistant Principal Reports:** Mr. Aspetti and Mrs. Larkin. Mr. Aspetti thanked the PTA committee chairs and committee members as well as the PTA Board for their hard work. He also acknowledged the class parents for making the Halloween parties a success. He thanked those who submitted photos for the Wall of Heroes, parents for their donations, teachers for donating their time as raffles in the Fall Fundraiser, the PTA for bringing in the Ned Show, the PTA for purchasing the fifth grade t-shirts, and the World Kindness Day volunteers. November 21st is rapid dismissal. The Pie Fundraiser will have pick up on Tuesday from 4:00-7:00 pm in the GP Room. World Language visits will take place on December 6th for fifth graders. The Advanced Holiday Concert for fifth grade is December 20th in the morning. Families can send in holiday cards to be displayed in the lobby. The Holiday Fair begins on November 17th. Kindergarten registration begins on December 11th. The second Family Connect Night is December 14th. Virtual Learning may be necessary if we have a lot of bad winter weather. The third snow day and after will be virtual learning.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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Secretary

Stephanie Iannuzzi

Approved: _____

Questions for the Superintendent

When will all schools have a research based social emotional learning curriculum for all students? How will teachers get trained and parents be informed and involved?

- An SEL committee met and began working on proposals their report will be presented at the December BOE meeting.

The cracks on the blacktop playground at Birch Lane Elementary school have caused my children to trip and cut themselves while just walking to their respective drop offs. Is there a plan to fix the ground here? There are many "patchwork" fixes but the entire areas need to be smooth for the safety of the children.

- Dr. Brennan sent someone to Birch to assess the situation the next day. Based on their findings, they will develop a plan for repairs.