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Birch Lane
Massapequa Park, NY 11762



PTA General Membership Meeting
October 10, 2024

Christine Rose, PTA President

- The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm in the Birch Lane Elementary School GP Room.
- A quorum was present.
- Mrs. Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION AGENDA:

The minutes of the September 12, 2024 General Membership were approved as presented.

- **President's Report: Christine Rose.** Mrs. Rose thank everyone that participated in the Back to School BBQ, thanked Spirit Wear, Plant Sale, Arts in Ed and Picture Day Committees for successful events.
- **Correspondence: Vicki Abbinanti.** Thank you from the second grade for the BMX show. Fourth grade teachers for the luncheon on the first day of school. Thank you from Kelly Mullooly for the Ruth M. Young Scholarship.
- **Treasurer's Report: Elizabeth Edelbach.** September 30, 2024 report: Opening balance of \$34,508.74, disbursements \$21,759.81, income \$15,841.25, closing balance \$28,590.18. The statement for September was reconciled by Lauren Carollo.

OFFICER/CHAIR REPORTS

- **Membership: Christine Rose.** We have approximately 355 members which is short of our goal of 100% participation. You must be a PTA member to be a class parent, to volunteer or chair a committee, or to volunteer at PTA-sponsored events.
- **Arts in Ed: Christine Rose.** We've had two successful programs already. We greatly appreciate all your efforts.
- **Family Fun: Lauren Carollo.** The PTA will host a Family Night Out at Adventureland on October 28th from 5:00-8:00 pm.
- **Health and Wellness: Lauren Carollo.** Red Ribbon week is October 21st – 25th. This year's theme is "Life is a movie, film drug free." The campaign's mission is to encourage families and communities to live happy and healthy lives.
- **Reflections: Stephanie Iannuzzi.** This year's PTA Reflections theme is Accepting Imperfections. Create an original project based on the list of acceptable Reflections categories - Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Photography, Literature or Film. Fill out the paperwork and drop projects off at the Birch Lane lobby on 11/14 or 11/15, 4:45-6:45 PM.
- **SEPTA: Stephanie Iannuzzi.** Upcoming SEPTA events include Unity Day on October 16th where students are requested to wear orange to support acceptance, kindness, and inclusion and to stand together against bullying. They are also hosting a Harvest Dance on October 25th. The next SEPTA meeting will be on November 20th and will feature speaker Kim Nau.
- **Blood Drive: Vicki Abbinanti.** The Blood drive is scheduled for December 4th this year from 4pm – 8pm.

- **Picture Day: Elizabeth Edelbach.** Portraits will be delivered to Birch Lane on October 23rd and makeups/retakes, as well as 5th grade yearbook group, club, and ensemble photos will be held on Oct. 29th.
- **BOE: Elizabeth Edelbach.** Our BOE Committee is currently working on plans to move forward in addressing the current class size guidelines with our school districts.

Administration Reports

- **Teacher Reports: Ms. McCree and Ms. Downey.** Kindergarten: We are making friends and learning new routines. Learning lower case letters and sounds. First Grade: learning about rules & routines, making a 10, meeting in groups for literacy instruction. Second Grade: Reading & writing workshops, conversations about books, roles & responsibilities in writing workshops. Social Studies, learning how to be responsible members of community. Mental math and one step word problems. Third Grade: multiplication unit in math, forces in motion in science. Continents and where they are in the world. Fourth Grade: Learning geography. Fiction unit and writing narratives in Englosh. Human body in Science and enrichment. Fifth Grade: Back to School projects and new routines. Science finished exploring how organisms depend on one another. Enrichment in STEAM challenges. Social Studies geography and effects on people and environment.
- **Principal/Assistant Principal Reports: Mrs. Larkin.** Thank you to Bulletin Board committee for great boards. BMX bike show was incredible. Kids were very engaged. Plant Sale was beautiful. Picture Day went smoothly. Spirit Week is next week 10/14 – 10/19 with Red Ribbon week following the week of 10/21. Halloween parade at 9:45 weather permitting and parties that day

New Business

Class parents can send out PTA membership reminders.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

S/
Secretary
Vicki Abbinanti

Approved: _____