

PTA Meeting Minutes

1/11/2024

Attendance: **Total 14**

1. Jamie Ansalone
2. Kelly Schlusselfeld
3. Jenna Kachin
4. Melissa Brower
5. Cheryl Konieczko
6. Michelle Marrone
7. Evelyn Rial-Pan
8. Nancy Thomas
9. Toya Jackson
10. Kristin Gristina
11. Karyn Grant
12. Marie Papacharalambos
13. Satish
14. Julie Hernandez

Meeting called to order by Cheryl Konieczko: 7:33 pm

Treasurer's Report (Jamie Ansalone): Total in accounts: **\$25,282.29**

1. 4th grade account - \$3,743.75
2. Lottery Account - \$1,812
3. Main - \$19,726.54

Outstanding checks: #173 - \$60 - Alexa Margolin - class parties

Total debits - \$7,825.38

Total deposits - \$10,408.70

For the following:

- Holiday photo mini session - \$500
- Crayon fundraiser
- Clothing drive
- School Store
- 4th grade cookie fundraiser
- Holiday staff appreciation lunch
- Holiday shoppe
- School photos
- NJPTA
- Spirit Wear
- Winter chorus
- Discount Cards

Old Business:

- Thanksgiving donations - plenty of turkey donations
- Holiday lunch - teachers really enjoyed their meal
- Spirit Wear - great launch in November - will continue to sell. Welcome to any ideas
- Winter Concert - another great turnout - kids did an amazing job

New Business:

- Selling Discount Cards - \$20 - the class that sells the most will win a prize
- 1/17 - Picture Retakes
- 1/19 - NO school store - next one is 2/2/24
- 2/21 - Possible Family Fun event
- Leap Year fundraiser and contest - similar to St. Patrick's Day - selling squishy frogs with the chance to win prizes (school store gift cards, homework passes etc.)
- Gertrude Hawk - starting next week - we receive 30% of the profit

Committees - if interested to join a committee for this year and next year, please email bownepta@gmail.com - especially Theater Week (which will be in the **winter of 2025**) and Holiday Shop

- **Holiday Shop** - (Kelly S.) - Board approved a different approach to the holiday shop - purchase items in bulk and sell them at more reasonable prices and also will make more of a profit. There will be more of a variety of products, instead of the same mugs and ornaments that we see year after year. Looking for a committee/volunteers to purchase items. Contact Kelly Schlusselfeld.

4th grade Update - June 3rd - Lakeview Trip.

NJPTA Grant for Internet Safety - committee needed; **received \$1,200 grant**
Partnered with Google; possibly virtual to reach more of an audience

Principal's Remarks - Mrs. Gristina thanks the PTA for helping with Mr. Kevin's balloon surprise and Mrs. Marrone's Teacher of the Year gifts. We received many turkeys for Thanksgiving and were able to help 9 families with gifts for the holidays. We were able to raise \$600 for CHOP with our PJ day. The week of 1/22 will be spirit days for Kindness week. Report cards will be out on 2/5. Class parties will be on 2/14 for Valentine's Day. The parties will be at the end of the day for smoother dismissal. As always, contact the office the day before if there's a change in dismissal plan. Read

Across America will be celebrated in the school the week of 3/4. We will be doing another Breakfast and Books for parents that week. More information to come! Continue to read the Weekly Newsletter as it has all of the updated information.

Floor open to questions/concerns:

- Continue to stay connected - especially with grade level WhatsApp chats

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 by Cheryl Konieczko