

## PTA Meeting Minutes

### 9/12/2023

Attendance: **Total 27**

1. Kate Gasiorowski
2. Nwamaka Anosike
3. Tetiana Kryshenyk
4. Erika Batista
5. Jackie Pena - Cavallini
6. Roodeline Antoine
7. Dhwani Parikli
8. Evelyn Rial-Pan
9. Nicole Caron
10. Robyn Pistilli
11. Rachel O'Neill
12. Jenn Kardos
13. Barbara Lavelle
14. Kelly Schlusselfeld
15. Christina Ayad
16. Dhwani Parikla
17. Sara Youssef
18. Danielle Oviedo
19. Evelyn Sampeur
20. Julie Hernandez
21. Jenna Kachin
22. Jaime Falco
23. Melissa Brower
24. Cheryl Konieczko
25. Kristin Gristina
26. Michelle Marrone
27. Karyn Grant

**Meeting called to order by Cheryl Konieczko: 7:00 pm**

- Introduction of Board Members, run through of agenda, going ahead the meetings will be virtual
- Membership - increase membership to the following: Family - \$20, Individual - \$12, and Teacher - \$10.
- Vote to increase membership - unanimous vote (27)

**Treasurer's Report (Melissa Brower and Jamie Falco):** Total in accounts: **\$17,778.46**

1. Starting 4th grade account with \$1,500
2. Lottery Account - \$1,812
3. Main - \$14,466.46

Total debits (\$1,812.64) include insurance, transportation for the 2023 4th grade trip, deposit for theater week, banner (principal's discretion fund), printing/admin fees, new student orientation items, staff welcome breakfast items, and ice cream social items.

Total deposits (\$644.13) include membership (72 so far) and ice cream social.

There's one outstanding check for Campus Coordinates for spiritwear.

**Approval of Budget:**

Proposed budget was presented and approved with a unanimous vote (27).  
(attached: [Proposed Budget 2023-2024](#) )

**Old Business:**

- Successful 4th grade ceremony and celebration in June for Class of 2023
- Parent Survey - gave a lot of useful information and suggestions for going forward
- Calendar and proposed budget are posted on ebnet.org
- Kindergarten orientation - children were presented with parent/child bracelet and had the opportunity to participate in a "signing" photo booth
- Teacher/Staff Welcome Breakfast - goodies and supplies for the teachers, great feedback

**New Business:**

- Ice Cream Social - Thursday, September 14 - free for Bowne students

- Dine to Donate at Red Robin - 9/20/23 - 20% back to Bowne (print or show flyer) - Will try to have a dine to donate every other month. Some ideas include: Habit Burger, Panini Bistro
- Kid Shoppe - 9/22/23 - once a month. Different routine - students will put their purchased items in a bucket that will be delivered to the teacher by the end of the day.
- Back to School Night - 2 sessions, Pre-K - 1st grade - 6-6:45 and 2-4th grades - start at 7:30. There will be a PTA booth - volunteers needed. Selling spirit wear and pencil-grams.

October:

- Book Fair (Robyn P.) 10/10, 10/12, 10/13 - Volunteers needed, list will be posted a few weeks before
- Pic. Day - 10/16 - communication coming, there will be class photo
- Halloween event - 10/20 - looking for volunteers and ideas; outside of classroom this year; thinking Trunk or Treat with dancing in the cafeteria
- Theater Week - (Danit B.) - week of conferences/half days - performance most likely at Bowne this year
- Halloween Class Party - 10/31

November:

- 11/3 - Kid Shoppe
- 11/15 - PTA Meeting
- 11/20 - Clothing Drive

**Committees** - a lot of interest so far; reaching out soon for Halloween event and theater week (rehearsals and selling the night of the performance)

**Principals Remarks** - Mrs. Gristina - thanks and introduction. She received great feedback from the welcome breakfast and the new hallway banner. She will continue to send out the weekly newsletter on Friday. October 4 - Walk to School Event to promote traffic safety. An adult must accompany a child and will meet at Welsh Park. The teachers continue to promote ice cream social and overall PTA membership. Will continue to use Facebook to post pictures and reminders. October assembly on fire safety and also a mindset assembly.

**Floor open to questions/concerns:**

- Mrs. Marrone and Mrs. Grant - thanks for the agendas, continue to promote PTA membership and events

- Latin & other heritage months - Mrs. Gristina commented that the classroom teachers address this in their classrooms
- Allergy awareness for the Halloween event. Good ideas brought forward for consideration to keep event safe and inclusive.
- Spirit week - 1st one will be the Week of Respect
- Clubs - 3rd and 4th graders only at this time - sign up through Community Pass

Always welcome new ideas!!

**Meeting adjourned at 8:06 by Cheryl Konieczko**