



Minutes-September 18, 2023

PTA president Christina Yazbek called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Quorum met in the Bosti library with 24 members. Tonilyn Riccardi- 2nd V. P., Diana Armandi- Treasurer, Johana Tedesco- Secretary, Mrs. Kimball- Principal, were in attendance. Christina Minetto- 2nd V. P. was absent.

Recognition of special guests

- A. Dr Joseph Centamore, Connetquot Superintendent gave small speech emphasizing the importance of community coming together, his complete support and congratulated our school and PTA.
- B. Louise Burger, Director of Math and Jennifer Smith, Educational Consultant from SAVVAS Talked about the new math program that can be accessed through the Connetquot website, click on the Envision. Parents can follow along and see all the topics. If kids are absent, parents can log into the website and find the topic they are learning. Kids can log in at Class link on the Connetquot website, with their username and password they use in school. Assignments can also be found in Class Link.
- C. Melinda Monahan, President of the Connetquot Council of PTAs introduced herself and spoke about district-wide Wizards fundraiser, possibly to be held in February.

Secretary's Report (presented by Johana Tedesco)

- A. 24 members were in attendance. Quorum was met.
- B. Reviewed Communication Methods
- C. June's Minutes were emailed and available in print at the meeting. No discussion took place; proceeded with vote. 1st motion Noelle Belmonte, 2nd Katie Poppe. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Diana Armandi)

- A. Audit Done over the summer. The books were found to be correct and in good standing. We finished the year at \$7,462.87. We need volunteers to join our audit committee, reach out if interested.
- B. Presentation of Budget Proposed budget was emailed and available in print at the meeting for review. Overview of 2023-24 budget was given. No discussion took place. Proceeded to vote. 1st motion - Michelle Distelkamp, 2nd motion - Noelle Belmonte. All were in favor. Budget passed.
- C. Revenue/Expenses
 - Expenses:
 - \$462.88 spent on the welcome back lunch for teachers & staff
 - \$57.95 for snacks & drinks for the K playdate
 - \$160 for the Co-Council dues & scholarships we help support.

President's Report (Christina Yazbek)

A. Chair/Fundraising & Event Report

- Volunteers Needed for several events, including Pumpkin Patch. Volunteer by adding your information to sign up sheet. There is no obligation, we will contact people on the list and move on if someone is no longer able. You can also volunteer by responding to our Facebook posts for each event.
- Several events have chairs who have 5th graders this year, including Halloween Spooktacular. We would like to have volunteers to work with the chairs who will be leaving so that they can be trained to take over chairing the event next year.

B. Summer in Review

1. School Supply Fundraiser was successful. 70 Kits were ordered. Katie Poppe & Johana Tedesco labeled and delivered them to the classrooms. We are grateful for their help. Check has not been received yet.
2. Kindergarten Playdate was a lot of fun. Students got to play on the playground and practice riding a school bus. The PTA gifted each student with a book.
3. Teacher & Staff Lunch was well received. We got thank you cards from staff.

C. Report of Standing Committee

1. Membership goal for the year is 216 members. Currently 90 members have joined. Mrs. Kimball gave us the staff forms that the office collected. 100% of teachers joined. Dues are \$10 and include membership into state and national PTAs. No deadline to join.
2. Cultural Arts 5th Grade Circus was booked for Nov.27th -Dec.1st. Evening performance to be held at OBMS on Dec. 1st at 7pm. Other assemblies and programs to follow.

1st Vice President's Report (Tonilyn Riccardi)

1. Plant Sale happening now & will run through September 22nd. We used Joseph's Garden again this year. We're offering mums, daisies, corn stalks & hay. The flyer is on our website and our Facebook group page. Pick up your order during the evening book fair on Oct. 11th
2. Chocolate Sale Ed Hanley is the chair for this fundraiser. Sale began September 15th and ends October 13th. If your box has a Golden Ticket, you win a 1lb chocolate bar. Top selling class wins a pizza party. Top selling student will win an amazon gift card.

2nd Vice President's Report (Christina Minetto)

1. Welcome Back Social Diana Armandi spoke on behalf of Christina Minetto. Being held on Friday, September 22nd from 5:30-7:30 PM with a rain date of Tuesday, September 26th. There will be lemonade and snacks, an inflatable slide, obstacle course, a craft, a tattoo station & a dj for this free event. A food truck will be there for anyone wishing to purchase food. PTA memberships and a limited amount of Spirit Wear items will also be available for purchase. Ed will have boxes of World's Finest Chocolate to pick up.
2. Spirit Apparel Sale Christina Yazbek spoke on behalf of Christina Minetto. Fall sale ended on Friday, September 15th. We received over 50 orders. Profit is still being calculated. Pick up is TBD.

Principal's Report (Principal Kimball)

- Mrs Kimball talked about dismissal. The first few weeks were a little chaotic, parents are just driving in and not following rules. Mrs. Kimball sent flyers out explaining the order to follow at dismissal.
- Smooth start to school year. No kindergarteners cried on the first day.
- Still hiring Special Ed Aides.
- Staff and faculty painted murals over the summer.
- Recess, when indoors kids can go into atrium there is toys and games. Classes can also choose to stay in classroom.
- Fire prevention week will be celebrated on Friday October 13th, West Sayville Fire Department will be in attendance.
- Halloween parade, no masks, no fake blood, no weapons.

Report of Informative Committees

A. Board of Education Report Lee Cullen is our delegate. She will be reporting back what happens at the Board of Education meetings.

B. Co-Council Report Christina Yazbek attended. They voted to approve the proposed budget and spoke about the Wizards fundraiser.

C. Site Based Management Team Meeting is scheduled for 9/27 @ 8:35 AM

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Announcements

- Welcome Back Social – September 22nd, 5:30-7:30 PM (Raindate September 26th) • PJ Day is September 26th
- Cookie Dough Sale -September 26th through October 13th
- Picture Day is October 5th
- Fall Book Fair- October 11th & 12th. Evening Fair October 11th, 6-7:30 PM. Pick up your plant orders at that time.
- White Post Farms Pie/Baked Goods Fundraiser Begins October 17th
- Halloween Spooktacular – October 20th, 5:30-8:30 PM (Rain Date: October 27th)
- Pumpkin Patch – October 24th – 25th
- Next Virtual PTA Meeting – Monday, October 16th at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.