



### Minutes - February 12, 2024

PTA president Christina Yazbek called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Quorum met with 13 members logged on. Tony-Lyn Riccardi - 1st V. P., Diana Armandi - Treasurer, Johana Tedesco - Secretary, and Mrs. Kimball - Principal, were in attendance. Cristina Minetto - 2nd V. P. was absent.

1. Secretary's Report (Johana Tedesco)
  - 13 members logged on. Quorum met.
  - Communication Methods: Remind: Text @bostipta to the number 81010, Facebook: Bosti PTA group, Gmail: bostipta@gmail.com & Website: bostipta.org.
  - Mrs. Kimball emailed the January minutes, budget, and agenda to the membership. No discussion took place; proceeded with vote. Danielle Psarreas motioned. Noelle Belmonte seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays. The minutes were approved.
2. Treasurer's Report (Diana Armandi)
  - We currently have \$13,956.81 in our bank account.
  - Expenses paid/Revenue brought in
    1. Fundraisers:
      - Island Empanada: \$130.00
    2. Revenue
      1. Givebacks: We made \$7.67
      2. Memberships: \$10.00
    3. Expenses
      - Copy Paper - \$300.72
3. President's Report (Christina Yazbek)
  1. Chair/Fundraising & Event Report
    - **District Wide Wizards Fundraiser:** The game is Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at Connetquot High School. Doors will open at 5:30, game begins at 7 PM. The event is sold out. The parking will probably be crazy, so plan to arrive early. Chubb's will have a food there. The Wizards will have merchandise for sale. Both accept credit card. The raffles for the baskets and 50/50 will be cash only. Bosti is putting together a "Golf" basket. Golf Galaxy in Bayshore donated a free lesson with the golf pro, a free fitting for a golf club of choice, and 3 one-hour sessions in their bay for virtual golf. If anyone would like to donate items for the basket, we would be very appreciative.
    - **Internet Safety Workshop:** Bosti is signed up for a FREE virtual Family Tech Talk workshop Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. It is the same night as the NYS PTA Virtual Education Summit. Summit takes place at 7 PM. Family Tech Talk starts at 9 PM. Hopefully, people will be able to attend. Information with the zoom links for both events is posted on our website and Facebook page. When you log in to the Family Tech Talk, please sign in. School parent groups with at least 5 participants have a chance to win a \$100 Amazon gift card for the parent group. Three people randomly selected will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.

- **Nominations and Elections:** According to our bylaws, the Nominating Committee must be made up of three members from the executive board and two members from general membership, plus one alternate. The president is not allowed to be a member. Membership votes to appoint the committee. We asked for volunteers on Facebook. We had more volunteers than seats on the committee so we must vote for who will hold seats.

Executive Board Nominees # of votes:

Diana Armandi - 1 vote  
 Johana Tedesco - 7 votes  
 Toni-Lyn Riccardi - 10 votes  
 Lee Cullen - 8 votes.

General Membership Nominees # of votes:

Maria Masullo - 2 votes  
 Katie Poppe - 8 votes  
 Meghan Stern - 8 votes  
 Debbie Schierhorst - 3 votes

The Nominating committee was appointed: Johana Tedesco, Toni-Lyn Riccardi, Lee Cullen, Katie Poppe, Meghan Stern, and Debbie Schierhorst (as alternate).

Explanation of board positions, including the three mandatory positions (president, secretary, and treasurer) was given. Terms are one year long: July 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>. Officers can serve two consecutive one-year terms in a position. The nomination forms will be going home soon. You can recommend yourself or someone else. The nominating committee discusses the recommendations, decides the best candidates for each position, and contacts those selected to see if they accept the position. The nominating committee will present the slate of candidates at our April PTA meeting. We will vote on the slate at the May meeting. There were no further questions on the process.

2. Report of Standing Committees

- **Membership:** We have 188 members. Our goal is 216 members. Membership is ongoing. Go to [BostiPTA.org](http://BostiPTA.org) for the links to join.
- **Cultural Arts:** We booked The Wacky Science Show for fourth grade for March 11<sup>th</sup>. Program options for PreK and third are still being weighed. Still researching options for kindergarten, first, and second grades.

4. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report (Tonilyn Riccardi)

1. Chair/Fundraising Report

1. Past Events

- **Someone Special Dance:** Dance was held February 9<sup>th</sup>. Everyone had a good time dancing, doing crafts, using the materials in the sensory tent, and eating snacks. We want to thank Noelle Belmonte for chairing the event. We also want to thank Nicole McNulty for setting up the sensory tent and activities. Thank you, Diana Armandi, for assisting with anything that came up along the way. Thank you to our event volunteers.

2. Upcoming Events

- **Spring Book Fair:** Our Spring Book Fair is Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Dorothy Roventini and Shannon Myers are chairing the event. Children will shop with their classes during those days. Please send your child in with money in an envelope. There will be an evening book fair on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-

7:30 PM in the atrium at Bosti. Families can come shop for books together. Christina will also be there selling Hershey Park discount tickets.

- **Panera:** Next restaurant night is March 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 PM at the Panera in Bohemia. Panera will donate 20% of sales to our PTA. Show either the printed flyer or a picture of it on your phone. Flyers will be going home in March when we get closer to the event.

5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report (Christina Minetto)

A. Chair/Fundraising & Event Report

1. Past Events

- **Island Empanada Fundraiser:** Took place January 30<sup>th</sup>. We had an issue with the closing time on the flyer they made. Closing time is 8 PM, not 9PM in January and February. The mistake was caught, we posted the change on Facebook as soon as we found out. 10% of the sales for the day was donated to the PTA. It amounted to \$130.

2. Upcoming Events

- **Hershey Park:** Discounted ticket sale begins February 26<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be used for admission any day during the 2024 season (March 29<sup>th</sup> and ends January 1<sup>st</sup>). No blackout dates. . You can use the waterpark (between Memorial Day and Labor Day), you can use them during fall and winter seasonal events. Tickets include visit to the zoo through the entrance in Hershey Park. "Preview Hours" also apply the day before your visit. You can enter the park two hours before the park closes and preview all of the rides and attractions. If you are staying at one of the Hershey Resorts, you get three hours. \$48 each, the gate price is listed as \$87.80 per ticket. Send in the form with payment by March 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets should be delivered before the park opens for the year. Pick up date and time to be determined.

6. Principal's Report (Mrs. Kimball)

- Someone Special dance went well. Thank you to the PTA and volunteers.
- We are looking forward to the Wizard event. Bosti staff will be participating: Mr. Ingarozza and Mrs. Kraska are playing. Mrs. Kimball, Ms. Wallace, Ms. McNally, Ms. Faele, Ms. Alonzo, Mrs. Fazzino, and Mrs. Manzo are cheerleaders.
- We have 36 applicants for Kindergarten so far. That is a high number for this time of year. There is no last day for registration.
- Pre-K registration is going on, please remind people you know about it.
- Kindergarten screening will be coming up in May.
- Dr. Centamore sent an email about free breakfast and free lunch, it will start March 1<sup>st</sup>. 1st lunch is free. If a child would like a second lunch they will have to pay for it. They also need to pay for snacks/ice cream.

7. Report of Informative Committees

A. Board of Education Report (Lee Cullen)

- Over 100 students were recognized for getting 100% on their regents.
- Discussed state funding cuts.
- Will be discussing programs and curriculum at the next meeting.

B. Co-Council Report (Christina Yazbek)

- Dr. Centamore spoke about the many events that took place across the district – Fentanyl prevention workshop, Math & Literacy night, performances for Jazz Night and the OBMS play Newsies. He spoke about Governor Hochul’s proposed education cuts and rallies taking place to put pressure on her. The district is working on getting universal free lunches and hopefully free breakfasts as well.
- We voted on the Nominating Committee for Council’s elections.
- We went over the Wizards event. We sold 807 tickets. That plus the 70 volunteers and players, puts the gym at capacity. The event is sold out. Security will be tight that night. Seating is first come, first served in each area. Ushers will help to seat people. People need to fill in all seats. No empty seats between you and the family sitting next to you. All volunteers will get a wristband. Security will be checking for wristbands and tickets. We voted on the budget to purchase drinks and snack foods. Chubb’s will have a food truck and donate back 15% of sales. Emails will be going out with instructions for the staff who will be playing. Volunteers will receive an email with their arrival times listed. We also discussed raffle and 50/50 ticket prices.

C. Site Based Management Team Meeting (Katie Poppe)

- Committee led going forward next year
- DASA week themes discussed
- PS I Love You Day for Mental Health – wear purple
- New math program being reviewed for grades 3-5 & 3-8

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business - None

10. Announcements

- DASA Week – February 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>
  - ◆ Monday: There’s No I in Team – wear sports team apparel
  - ◆ Tuesday: We’re All Unique – wear unique socks
  - ◆ Wednesday: Share the Love – wear pink/red
  - ◆ Thursday: Bosti Heroes – wear a superhero shirt/sweatshirt
  - ◆ Friday: Connetquot Pride – wear Connetquot/Bosti apparel
- Family Tech Talk Virtual Workshop – February 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 PM on Zoom
- Winter Recess (No School) - February 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Hershey Park Ticket Sale – February 26<sup>th</sup> – March 11<sup>th</sup>
- PJ Day – February 27<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Book Fair– March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>
- Panera Fundraiser – March 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 PM

Next Virtual PTA Meeting – Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM with 15 people logged in.