

Camp Avenue PTA Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2022

In-Person – 7:30 pm

Previous Minutes were approved by Angela and Theresa

Superintendent Report (Dr. Seniuk)

- Evacuation Drill = ask for more of a police presence in the future
- BOE meeting = Auditors gave a recap. Had to increase cash balance to get off the fiscal list. Typically we try to maintain 4% in FUND balance. Temporarily put money into the FUND balance to get us off the fiscal list to 7.6%. Once we get the relief money it will help us get back to the 4%
- Halloween Parade
- Fall Festival
- Trunk or Treat is October 21 at 4:00 pm at HDF
- Parent University - October 26 – Monster Mash FALLtastic
- Parent Teacher Conference November 10
- Board meeting will be November 9

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer Report (Vanessa Lin)

- Sept 1, 2022 Balance \$49,030.05
- Deposit of \$5,843.03
- Pending Debits of \$9,785.57
- Ending balance Sept. 30 = \$45,087.51

BOE Meeting Report (Angela Dimos)

- Fiscal distress list
 - Tax funds did not come in on time - Presentation about reallocating some funds for temporary use – we are getting federal funds and should be even by Spring
 - Mary Keene said once the CARES Act funds come in, it will get us back to the 4% (Roughly \$1 million in January or February)
- Job Fair last Thursday
- Mental Health & Wellness was featured in Newsday
- NYS Education is moving forward with computer-based testing (testing starting now for 4th – 6th grade) (mandatory for 5th and 6th grade)
- Camp Ave Picture Day
- Happy Board Appreciation Week

Principal Report (Dr. Bromberg)

- Weekly Wrap Up says what colors to wear for SEPTA
- Fire Safety Month (1st and 2nd grade got to experience smoke house) (kindergarten going to firehouse)
- Mindfulness Clubs (k-2) (3-4) (5-6 teach how to lead a mindful moment)
 - Fall and Spring sessions
- Halloween Parade – Oct 31. starts at 9:00 am. Adding Pre-K at the end. Everyone is invited.
- Fall festival starts at 9:30
- Computer-based testing
 - Grades 4 and 6 will get practice now and will get a test this year (teachers and students)
 - Grades 3 and 5 will be using paper tests this year
 - How it will work
 - Visit a url to “order” a test and it will show all of their individual name and they can complete their personalized test
 - ELA toolbox (highlighting and underlining)
 - Math toolbox (ruler, protractor, numbers, symbols)
- Early Dismissal Drill
- Walk to School Day
- Book Fair
- Teacher Meetings – Data Meetings to discuss various supports student may need for reading and math
- Upcoming:
 - October 19 - 2nd grade field trip
 - October 21 - Kindergarten field trip to firehouse

Fundraising Report (Andrea Catalano)

- Miss Chocolate – \$3,000 sold. Ending next week.
- Mama’s Cookies – raised \$146.20
- Parent night Out – Feb 4
- Drama Club – 18 weeks for grades 4-6
- Long Island Nets Game – January
 - Adventureland – October 29. 434 tickets sold, \$6,076 profit. Tickets will be available night of the event at \$45 per ticket

Cultural Arts (Julie Hain on behalf of Liz Schmer)

- TeePee Ted – Hopefully will be on November 15 for 1st grade and 4th grade in December
- Halloween and Fall Festival
- Yoga fuel the soul – Oct 26 – waiting on approval

Correspondence (Paola Kessba)

Faculty Report

- See attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEPTA Report (Mary Keene)

- Calendar for October to June online (once a month)
- Boo Bags –
- Spooky Bingo on 10/27 at 4:00 pm. Free for SEPTA members or \$15 per family for non-members.
- SEPTA Spirit Wear Online Store – Available October 18 to November 11
- SCOPE Saturday Winter Academy Enrichment - K to 6th grade. Meeting Dates: six Saturdays (January 21, 28; February 4, 11; and March 4, 11). The cost is \$149. Students may choose two courses, one from Period A (8:30-10 a.m.) and another from Period B (10-11:30 a.m.)
- Check out social media pages for latest updates

Membership Update (Kirsten Miolan)

- 298 members
- PTA flyer on Facebook, website, parent square app... saw a bump for fall festival

Book Fair (Kristen Murphy and Jamie Schulman)

- Occurred on October 13. It went very well. Number of books sold to come

Walk to School Day (Angela and Julie)

- Sidewalk was covered with names and positive messages, Halloween pictures. Kids had fun.
- Suggestion to have wipes next year

Picture Day (Julie Hain)

- A bit stressful. We need two days next year
- Pictures to come in mail for those who already ordered. Preview links for those who did not preorder.
- Retakes on November 18. Google form to sign up for a retake.
- Graduation pictures (cap and gowns and grade picture on November 18)

Amazing Athletes (Kristen Bickard)

- 25 students only – 39 signed up on a google form and did a lottery drawing
- Even split for Kindergarten and First Grade
- 6 sessions for \$75

Spirit Wear Sale

- \$1,271 profit. Orders arrived
- Grade shirt sales starting in November. Going to streamline payments through Member Hub

NEW BUSINESS**Morning at the Movies (Dana on behalf of Laura Ector Petit)**

- November 19

Chess Club (Anastasia Kutson and Marlys Bido)

- Waiting on insurance
- Starting in January

Carnival Night (Jackie Buonomassa)

- Beginning of November from 7 – 9 pm
- Flyer out this week

Red Ribbon Week

- Oct 24 - 28 (what are good choices, feeling good about yourself, no bullying)

Picture Retake Day (Julie Hain)

- November 18

Local Vendor Boutique (new fundraising event) (Shannon)

- Dec 20 from 3:30 – 8:00 pm at the Merrick Golf Club
- Vendors give away a \$25 raffle gift and much pay for table space
- Camp Ave table (donate to sell)

Next meeting is November 30 on zoom