

## Old Mill Road General Membership Meeting

### November 16, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.

- Pledge of Allegiance hosted by Boy Scout Troop 123 - introduction of boy scouts and what they do within the community.
- Special guest speaker from Girls on the Run.
- Motion for October meeting minutes; approved by Kathleen Lawler and second motion from Lisa Luchsinger

#### President's Report

- Adventureland was a huge success! OMR alone sold over 600 tickets and we will look to do it again.
- Grad pics and retakes were successfully taken.
- District fundraiser for LI Nets at Nassau Coliseum on Martin Luther King Day - senior chorus will be singing the National Anthem.

#### Principal's Report

- The school year is moving quickly!
- Kindergarteners are preparing for the Thanksgiving show.
- Fast pass system for Thanksgiving celebration - two tickets sent home ahead of time per family to facilitate easier entrance for event. Additional family members can attend and will need to wait in line.
- There will be more opportunities for parents to come into the building for special events - 2nd gr steam event - something for 1st grade parents in February.
- Thankful to volunteers for Fall Festival - kids had a blast - thank you everyone - well organized.
- Mindfulness clubs are up and running for all grades. Those missed this time will be automatically enrolled in spring session.
- Happy Thanksgiving to all!

#### BOE (Dr. Senuik)

- So good to see everyone.
- Nov BOE meeting was board appreciation night - thank you for the appreciation gifts! We appreciate our BOE for all of their support. Meetings will slow down around the holidays.
- Trunk or treat was a success and food allergies were addressed and accommodated.
- Fall festival was amazing and Septa spooky bingo was a success. Thank you to all of the PTA's for their planning and programs.
- Parent teacher conferences were a success and kept virtual meetings as a convenience.
- Report cards available on 12/7 via parent portal. For the first time, access to NWEA scores will be included to show students growth.
- Mental health and wellness survey coming soon to check in with parents and get feedback to help with planning workshops, interventions, etc.
- Homework help, aka H2O, begins 11/28 - H2O

- Our district is applying for the Opioid response grant to bring information, instruction, awareness, and treatment to grades K-12.
- Breaking ground soon on front playground and back swings. This project is made possible by McEvvitt grant (200k) and from Senator Brooks (300k).
- Mary Keene thanks the PTA and teachers for everything they are doing and for the generous gift cards for appreciation acknowledgement.
- Have a healthy and happy Thanksgiving!

#### Treasurer's Report

- \$1794.80 spent so far
- Adventureland made \$8,450 (\$13K sales).
- Amazon Smile - \$78.46 made so far.
- Plant sale - made \$1114.15.
- Book fair made \$4436 in sales but haven't calculated earnings yet.
- Paid pie bill, haven't deposited anything yet.
- Made \$2325 on membership.

#### Correspondence

- School PTA website has been organized and updated - tricky to navigate, but will keep it updated as best as possible.
- Keep following us on facebook and instagram.

#### Teacher Reports

- K - OMR's kinders are independent writers who are building their stamina. They are also adding to their sound and sight word repertoire in order to help them both read and write.
- 1st - no update
- 2nd - Second graders are busy with their touch tanks. This month they held spider and rock crabs and continued research about sea creatures. More recently they welcomed a new addition to their tanks - horseshoe crabs. They are enjoying watching these new additions acclimate and they are excited to touch them after the acclimation process is complete in two days.
- 3rd - no update
- 4th - no update
- 5th - Fifth graders are multiplying with decimals and then moving into division in math. In Social Studies they are studying government. Being introduced to the new science program and reviewing how to think like a scientist. In ELA students are moving into historical fiction unit in reading. In writing, they are working on how to's.
- 6th - In science class, the students are studying matter and learning about the parts of molecules and atoms. In social studies students are learning about Mesopotamia through a DBQ Essay and next they will be traveling to Egypt. Classes have been working in small groups in their books clubs in Word Power. They are reading *Pictures of Hollis Woods*, *All of the Above* and *The Great Gilly Hopkins*, all realistic fiction novels. In math, students have continued strengthening their algebraic skills while working with fractions and decimals.
- Library - November is all about Fall Leaves! We began with an annual leaf hunt and

continued with research on common names, scientific names, texture and pigment as well as identification. This unit is filled with the study of leaves using all of our senses. In December we will take on the magical elements of Fairy Tales, Myths and Fables.

- Art - Students in all grades are transitioning through the elements of art, specifically: Line, Shape, and Form, and garnering inspiration from famous and upcoming artists like Alexander Calder and Reggie Laurent. We will be learning about FORM either through 3-dimensional pieces or by using artist tricks like using light and shadow to give the impression of 3-dimensionality.
- Music - Students in all grades are learning, or have already learned, songs, activities and history for Fall holidays: Diwali, Halloween, Dia de Los Muertos, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.
- Phys Ed - K-2 grades are learning how to use various equipment such as hockey sticks, miniature golf putters and croquet mallets during our striking stations. Students in grades 3-6 are beginning our unit on hockey while participating in game plays.
- ENL - Mrs. Vanella's ENL students are celebrating Native American/American Indian Heritage month by reading informational stories, learning dances, and exploring historical maps. They are also discussing what it means to be thankful describing the things we are thankful for and writing thank you letters to those we are thankful for. Mrs. Wan's students are drafting and revising their personal narrative in Writer's Workshop.

### SEPTA

- Thank you for purchasing spirit wear and paint night.
- Spooky bingo and paint night were a huge success.
- Virtual December event - this will be a Septa member's only event so join Septa for \$12 today.
- Other exciting December events are coming up - stay tuned.
- Happy Thanksgiving!

### Committees

- Picture retakes and 6th/K pictures were successful.
- **Standing committees**
- Assemblies - Tina Silvers - working on a planetarium assembly but insurance is tricky. Contributing to 6th grade assembly for all schools "The One and Only Ivan."
- Box Tops - Erin Teta - \$120.40 so far - adding \$400 from another account the district has. Instead of the gaga court idea, can we add equipment to outdoor recess days or games in the classroom?
- Reflections - 3 entries going to Nassau reflections.
- T - shirt orders submitted Monday. Shirts should be in within 3 weeks.
- K-3 dance this Friday - glow theme - recommend wearing white or neon - no strobes - 1 hour per group - 6th grade will be fundraising.
- Holiday boutique - 12/8 & 12/9 - Lisa Savino and Jackie Luciano are Committee Chairs - got to hand-select merchandise at the store. Volunteers will be requested as we get closer.
- 6th grade committee update - fundraising for 6th grade is completely different from PTA fundraising. Sixth grade raises money for their events - PTA doesn't pay for it. Parents night out was the first one - turnout was ok. If you get info about sixth grade fundraising events, you can participate and you will be supporting 6th grade.

## MAMS

- Nothing to report as a committee chair is still needed for this position.

## Fundraising

- Adventureland - was amazing - our school alone purchased over 600 tickets alone.
- Nets Basketball Night on 1/16/23.
- Pie fundraiser - sold 90 pies - almost \$800 in sales. Pick up will 11/22 from 4-6. Items not picked up will be donated to a local food pantry. Contact Kathleen to make different arrangements if you can't make it.
- Serengeti - 3 families signed up so they had to cancel (6 were needed to make it happen).
- Spirit Wear - Trying personalized OMR lacrosse shorts. Order by 12/1 we can get them for holidays. \$35 approx. Trying to get fun trendy new stuff.
- Cards for a cause are being held for now - will sell them after the holidays.
- Adult Paint night - Thurs, 11/17 - 26 painters signed up. Will look to have another after the holidays.
- Amazon Smiles - donates to OMR PTA if you sign up. Link on facebook.
- Idea for fundraising: Booster-a-thon, a simple school organized 5k. Other districts have done it and raised a lot of money.

## Membership

- Won two awards for NY State PTA - 75% of membership goal. Next goal is getting a certain number of students and teachers signed up.
- 283 members which is incredible for this time of year. We are close to our goal of 303 members, which is set by the NYS PTA. We will be recognized for reaching 60% of our membership goal.
- Thank you for your support, as always.

## New Business

- Next PTA meeting in Jan. 18, 2023
- Nominating committee - 2 executive board members and 3 general membership members. Kathleen Lawler, Lisa Savino, Mary Keene, Laura Squillace, Suzanne Atamain.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23p

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Recording Secretary, Lisa Luchsinger

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President, Natalie Ciccone