

# PTA MEETING MINUTES

William Sidney Mount Elementary

*Date: 9/24/18 Time: 7:05pm Meeting Called to Order By: Alyson Halpin*

## *In Attendance*

Alyson Halpin, *Co-President*

Mrs. DiBella, *Mount Principal*

Kate Smith, *Co-President*  
*Principal*

Mrs. Heidrich, *Mount Vice*

Becky Tracy, *Vice President*  
*Representative*

Inger Germano, *BOE*

Megan Gembinski, *Treasurer*

*PTA Members*

Maria Giustino, *Corresponding Secretary*

Michelle Zito, *Recording Secretary*

Jennifer Singer, *Joint Council*

## *PTA President's Report* – *Aly Halpin/ Kate Smith*

- Welcome Everyone
- Introductions
- Thank You to all of the members who chaired Mount Events (Kindergarten Playdate, Boohoo Yahoo Kindergarten Breakfast, Prestige Wrapping Paper and Gifts, and Spiritwear
- Volunteers- need volunteers for Mother/ Son game night and basket dinner

## *PTA Vice President's Report* – *Becky Tracy*

- Currently have 236 PTA members/Goal for this year is 259
- Membership is ongoing

## *PTA Treasurer's Report* – *Megan Gembinski*

- Current PTA account balance is \$4,751.76 as of 8/31/18
- Push fundraisers to pay for cultural arts program and support basket dinner

### **PTA Corresponding Secretary – Maria Giustino**

- Suggested members to view WS Mount PTA page, Mount Moms and Dads on Facebook
- Encouraged everyone to register rewards card at Stop and Shop to benefit Mount

### **PTA Recording Secretary – Michelle Zito**

- Approve the minutes from the May meeting
  - \* Jennifer Singer made a motion/ Mrs. DiBella 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion/Minutes passed

### **Joint Council – Jennifer Singer**

\* Stony Brook University Football is hosting its 4th Three Village Day on September 29, 2018. Tailgating starts at Seawolves Town at 3pm, football game starts at 6pm. All of the 3 Village Elementary Schools will be joining together and hosting a community tailgating party at Seawolves Town. Snacks and drinks will be provided by the PTAs and families should bring any other food or drink they would like to share with the community. From years past there are bounce houses and several games where the kids can win prizes. There are several community businesses with give-aways and food samples. It's always been a lot of fun for the kids.

\* 3 Village PTAs are participating in Reflections again this year. The theme is Heroes Around Me. Details will be coming home soon.

\* Claudia Reinhard reported that the TVTA is hoping to get a date on the calendar for another Sport-Night to raise money for their community scholarships.

\* SEPTA – whose meeting happens to be tonight also, is hosting a Movie Day on 12/1/18 at PJ Cinemas. It will be a “sensory film” and place where kids don't have to stay in their seats, they can walk around, lights will be turned up a bit and sound will be turned down. It's a great opportunity for parents to meet each other.

\* Mrs. Pedesich reported that all classrooms in the district are now climate controlled along with the auditoriums in all elementary schools.

\* The district is putting together a committee to evaluate Homework policy with the goal of coming up with new guidelines. Kevin Scanlon will head this committee. There was also mention of a Recess Committee and the cabinet was supportive of it. Per Mrs. Pedesich, there were changes made last year through SBM to utilize the inner courtyards to enhance recess.

- \* Safety Meeting was held at Murphy on 9/13/18. All were encouraged to attend.
- \* 3 Village Stem Camp – was praised and the district has bigger plans for the summer of 2019.
- \* The district is working to reduce the size of Math classes at the secondary level.
- \* Substitute Teachers Needed in every area. If you or someone you know is interested, please have them contact HR. You can apply online.
- \* Kevin Scanlon reported that the district is considering trade school options and are currently looking into a Culinary program. A program like this would be for the 11th and 12th graders.
- \* The district’s Business Department is looking to build relationships with local businesses so that high schoolers would have the opportunity to earn 2 credits for work-based learning.
- \* Science: there is now a TA in each elementary science lab to enrich science education.
- \* Jeff Carlson reported that there is a new monitoring system throughout the district and visitor passes will look different.
- \* 11 district employees took an EMT class arranged by the district so that in the case of an emergency, they can help until an ambulance arrives. The district will continue to offer and encourage any interested staff to take the course.
- \* Stop Bleeding training which was given to staff last year will be offered to kids in the High School.
- \* WS Mount now has a generator that would keep the school up and running if there were a power outage.

**BOE Representative** – *Inger Germano*

- Welcome
- Safety and Security Forum – *address concerns on building safety and procedures*
  - \* lockdown
  - \* fire drills
  - \* upcoming changes
- Next Board of Education meeting will discuss elementary curriculum

**Principal’s Message** – *Mrs. DiBella*

- Thank you for the warm welcome to Mount.
- Thank you Mrs. Germano, Mrs. Pushee, Mrs. Heidrich, Mrs. Spielman and Presidents

of PTA

- opening of school has gone smoothly and buses on time
- New population ENL- staff is excited
- literacy benchmarking and AIMS assessment to be completed over the next few weeks
- Food pantry is essential- can use donations, if anyone needs food pantry contact Mrs. Lennon, the social worker

**Teacher Liason Report** – Mrs. Pushee

- Thank you for welcome back breakfast for staff

**Upcoming Events**

- Prestige Wrapping Paper and Gifts – Due 9/24
- Three Village Day at Stony Brook University (Football Game) – 9/29
- Fall Pictures – 10/1 and 10/3
- KidStuff Books – 10/19
- Spiritwear Day – 10/5
- WMHS Homecoming – 10/6
- Harvest Festival – 10/13
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser – 10/14
- Restaurant Night – *Coming Soon*
- Fall Book Fair – 10/24-10/26
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Halloween Party – 10/26
- Box Tops – *Due 10/26*
- Picture Retake Day – 11/1
- Basket Dinner – 11/16
- PTA Meeting – November 27 @ 7pm

***MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:35pm by Alyson Halpin***