



Meeting Minutes

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP PTO

Date: September 12, 2023 Location: STAC Dance Room

Meeting Called To Order By: Rocklyn Time: 9:35am

Attendance: 68



Welcome & Introductions

- President** - Rocklyn Petrizzi
- Vice President** - Jennifer Manochio
- Treasurer** - Katie Schrock
- Corresponding Secretary** - Bonnie Strouse
- Recording Secretary** - Christine Holt



Superintendent's Comments

George Chidiac:

Introduced new administrators and talked about the new curriculum - Study Sync - a language arts program in line with Southern, LinkIt! - a new program that tracks students' assessments.

Keep an eye out for all newsletters from the district.

There is going to be a new Special Ed Parent Committee with meetings 3-4 times a year.

He is going to have Coffee with the Superintendent again 3-4 times a year.

New app coming out in October that is a system where parents can track where the student's bus is en route.





Administration Comments

Introduced Mrs. Hope Zaun as the new Intermediate school principal by George Chidiac . Mrs. Zaun introduced Kristin Ducker as the Intermediate Supervisor. She talked about the welcome back assembly, dividing the kids in the school into 4 separate groups to compete and do other activities throughout the year. The students are making bracelets this week to go along with their new motto of “We Wear Blue, We Shine Gold”. There will be a Lead U assembly in October. All paperwork for all programs are out and Back to School Night is tonight (9/12/23).



Mrs. Eberle introduced Mr. Meyer as McKinley’s Supervisor. He talked about how they are having a Lead U assembly this Thursday (9/14/23) and at the end of the month the Pirello Foundation Fun Run at all of the schools. He also reminded us that Back to School Night was tomorrow (9/13/23).



Mrs Lowe, the Ocean Acres Supervisor, talked about how they had a kick-off assembly and enrichment program was started. She also reminded us that Back to School night is 9/19/23.

Stephanie Bush, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Planning, talked about the new ELA program and new initiatives as well as LinkIt! coming in mid-October. There will not be a Fall NJSLA test but there will still be one in the Spring. She informed that the 4th graders were selected nationally to have 25 random students take an ELA assessment and another 25 random students take a Math assessment. Also the annual STEAM night will be in mid-January.



Dave Ytreboe, Director of Personnel, was recognized by the State for safety policies. He wanted all to know that each school has a retired police officer as security.



He reminded everyone about the anti-bullying law and to contact the school/administration if any issues arise.

Mr. Reilly was introduced in a new role of Director of Special Education.

Mr. Chidiac touched on a new possible referendum for Oxycoccus Preschool.



Treasurer's Report

Katie reported:
started the school year off with \$83,262.40
brought in \$1,969.67
paid out \$10,119.00
Balance as of today (9/12/23) \$76,971.07



The report was approved by Jackie and Jen at the meeting.

Correspondence

Bonnie reported that the PTO received "Thank You" cards from students that received scholarships from us and new teachers in the district that received gift cards from us to use for their classrooms.



Membership

Jen reported that we have received memberships for 308 families and 63 staff members, totalling 371 members. She reminded everyone to join and that if you join it does not mean you have to participate if you are unable to.

Upcoming Events

Rocklyn reported that PLC is having an **Ice Cream Social** on Wednesday, 9/20/23, from 4:00-5:30pm. We need about 4 more

volunteers to help scoop ice cream and no kindergarten parents please.

Fundraisers



Jen talked about **BoxTops for Education** and you just need to download the app and choose Stafford Schools and scan the receipt. It is an easy way to support the PTO.

Rocklyn talked about **Dine to Donate**. It is a monthly fundraiser with a different place to go get something to eat and the establishment gives back to the PTO. Michelle is the chairperson and she talked about how she is contacting Chic fil A in hopes they will be October's location.



Rocklyn talked about the current fundraiser of **Bin Cleaning**. They come and clean your garbage cans. The proceeds go to the PTO. The flier came home in the packets and you just need to scan the QR code.

Master Moon talked about his **Taekwondo Back to School Special fundraiser**. It is for the month of September and October. If you are a new student and sign up for a 4 week trial at \$99 the PTO gets \$50 of it.



Coach Katarina talked about **Love Set Match Tennis Clinics fundraiser**. Clinics start 9/21/23 and all registration proceeds go to the PTO.

Rocklyn talked about the **Chef's Tour Fundraiser** that is planned for 12/9/23. Preparation started for this event back in the summer but we still need people to solicit for donations and sponsors. We will also need help with wrapping baskets and volunteers to work at the locations as it gets closer to the event.



Miscellaneous

Katie talked about **Classroom Coordinators**. Applications are due by Friday, 9/15/23. Qualifications for this is to go to 2 meetings and to volunteer at, at least, one event. These are required. Also, if you are picked you must be at the October 10, 2023 evening meeting.



Sam talked about **Spirit Wear**. She is working with Jetty to open the online store and it will be active for 2 weeks once it is live. Also, Katie will be at McKinley's Back to School night to sell it.

Rocklyn talked about open **Chair Positions**. Currently we need a chairperson(s) for the Easter Egg Fundraiser and to help the existing chair person with the Holiday Shop Fundraiser. Please let us know if you are interested in either.



How has the PTO helped already this new school year?

Rocklyn listed the following ways the PTO helped and donated:

- Balloons for open houses and opening day
- Gift cards to all new teachers
- Upcoming assemblies at many of the schools
- Welcome breakfast for all staff
- Intermediate bracelet kits
- New needed microwave for the Intermediate school



Next Meeting

General membership and mandatory room coordinator meeting is on Tuesday, 10/10/23 at 6:30pm at the STAC.

