

10-19-23 PTA meeting minutes

By: Emily Slutsky, Recording Secretary

PTA Meeting @ Winthrop 8pm

Jamie Shiner & Nikki Zimberg, co-presidents, bring the meeting to order and welcome parents, teachers and admins to the meeting.

Emily Slutsky, Recording Secretary, states that the last meeting minutes have been posted and asks if there are any changes to be made or comments and if not, they are considered to be approved. No one had any comments, so they were approved.

Kristin Wong-Valle, Treasurer, states that as of 9/30/23, the bank balance is \$100,608.86 and the book balance is \$97,934.40. The books were spot checked before the meeting.

Jessica Freeman, Corresponding Secretary, states that there was no correspondence.

Jamie Shiner wants to thank the teachers this time for providing snacks and coffee for the PTA at the pumpkin patch today. The teachers sent Dunkin Donuts treats to the PTA as a thank-you for all the hard work the PTA put into the pumpkin patch. So, the PTA thanks the teachers!

Principal Report #1 from Mrs. Castine @ Reinhard: October has been a super busy month at Reinhard. Picture day went very well. The kids have been making beautiful literary pumpkins which are displayed in the library so come and check them out during parent-teacher conference night. There have been over 250 made! The Pep Rally went so well! The play was a Peanuts theme and all the teachers helped out with acting parts and the kids loved it. We had a special Pep Rally for Pre-K. October is Fire Safety month. All Kindergarten classes have gone on the walking trip to the FireHouse and the last class is going tomorrow. The classes are working hard on their academic goals. All the grades have Character Paraes on 10/31 at various times throughout the day to celebrate Halloween. 11/7 and 11/13 are parent teacher conferences. She thanked the PTA for all their help with various activities.

Principal Report #2 from Mrs. Matthews @ Shore: Health and Safety week went really well and the kids loved the baseball theme. The Police Officer did a Cyber Safety presentation that sent a really powerful message to the kids and everyone enjoyed it. Mrs. Matthews said that parents really cannot monitor everything that the children do online no matter how hard they try. A Northwell Health social media representative will be coming to talk about developing teens who are "under the influence" of social media for instance how they dress, do their hair, where they buy their clothes etc. Shore also had a really fun Mindful Monday and Trivia Tuesday, thanks to the PTA. We also had a successful book fair and picture day, thanks to the PTA. Mrs. Matthews said it was great to see students sharing their reading experience with other students during the book fair. She shared that the Project Adventure trips are continuing to happen, weather depending and everyone is loving those. And auditions for the musical theater club are going on. She said to ask the students about their digital leadership workbooks and thanked the PTA

for the new digital monitor in the lobby of the school. The Garden club is starting soon and so is the Cornhole competition! 11/7 is the Curriculum Orientation for Middle School and a ConnectEd was sent out and fliers were brought here also. At the 11/7 meeting you find out about next steps and what the curriculum choices are and more about middle school. On 11/30, there is a virtual workshop about the special education programs they have at the High School and services for students with 504's and IEP's. Next week there is a meeting about the foreign languages that will be offered in Middle School (italian, spanish, mandarin, french, no ASL), and soon it is time to start preparing your 6th grader for all parts of getting ready to go to Middle School. Mrs. Matthews thanked everyone for coming.

Principal Report #3 from Mrs. Curto: She states Winthrop has been super busy, health and safety week is next week and they have the Fire Department coming, along with the NYPD Canine Unit, BeFit and an Anti-Bullying program called Box Out Bullying. Mrs. Davison, the district social worker, will be assisting with Health and Safety week, working with the students with these assemblies. She discussed the Principals Homework given to the students that had them discuss a time when they used the "Pause Button" and had to submit it to her. She discussed that the strings department and the band have been starting and all the students are super excited about that. The 4th grade concert is 11/22 and the 3rd grade concert is 12/22 and they should both be wonderful! Mrs. Curto stated that they held their first Star Polisher meeting with over 70 boys and girls and faculty to help. They put their heads together to come up with Mission Statements and decided what they wanted to accomplish during these meetings (Friendship Club, Tour Team, etc). She stated that parent teacher conferences are on 11/7 and 11/15 also. She thanked the PTA for the book fair and for picture day and discussed how important reading is. Even as children get older, it is important to read to them, even if you as the parent or guardian, just start the book with the child to peak their interest in the book, that could get them wanting to read more. Mrs. Curto discussed the role of Dr. Lange, our school Psychologist and introduced her program called Second Step which is a social-emotional program to teach coping mechanisms to the students. She said Dr. Lange is always available to meet with the students if necessary. Mrs. Curto then discussed the importance of spending quality time with your children/family/friends and putting down devices when spending time with them rather than talking to them with screens in front of you and the principals showed the audience a TED Talk on the topic called "How Every Child Can Thrive By Five." The principals encouraged us to watch it and for us to pass it on to others who might benefit from it. She thanked us for our time.

Jamie Shiner & Nikki Zimberg PTA Co-Presidents introduced EVP's of schools...

Brianna @ Shore: She reiterated about picture day, book fair, Health and Safety week is going on now, Social media is a popular topic, like Mrs. Matthews said. The Cornhole tournament is going to be super popular, Brianna thinks, and she said the 6th grade committee is starting their work. Nikki thanked Brianna for all of her work.

Aliza @ Winthrop: She reiterated about picture day, book fair and Health and Safety week. Also, the garden club will have pumpkin decorating for anyone who wants to do it.

Carla @ Reinhard: She reiterated about picture day and book fair. 11/17 will be retake day. She said the pumpkin patch was super successful and the new backdrop and decorations were so cute.

Anything else?

Spirit wear...keep buying it! Membership our numbers are doing well, keep up the good work!

Leah Walsh - 6th grade Committee Chair: car wash coming up, get people to go! We also need donations and need people to turn in their survey about the dance.

Ways and Means: Miss. Chocolate

Lets Roll: Did really well, gave more of a % than he was originally going to! Fat Boy Burrito fundraiser in November

SEPTA: 1/14 Fundraiser @ The Brokerage, good turnout at first meeting

Brianna: School Board meeting, Dr. Famularo, named Superintendent of the year!

Unfinished Business ??:

Paperless Question from last meeting...open to all options but we need a committee. Which apps are safe to use?

New Business?? NO

Meeting Adjourned?? YES

NEXT MEETING 11/8 @ 7:30pm NOMINATING MEETING