

Minutes of the Meeting

Type of Meeting: SALT BROOK PTA Meeting
Date: April 21, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM (Zoom)
In Attendance: Mrs. Drexinger, Mrs. Lynn Kral, Mr. Firetto
PTA board members and parents of Salt Brook School

1. Call to order and flag salute

2. **Approval of Minutes- March 2021 Meeting:** Approved without objections or corrections.

3. **Principal's Report (Mrs. Drexinger):** Principal's report attached.

4. **Teacher's Representative:** No teacher representative report.

5. **President's message/Announcements (Diana Ettinger/Emily Mellow):**

- i. We are in the process of coming up a fund-raiser alternative for the year. We cant do the same activities as we traditionally do. Its an important fundraiser for the PTA as majority of our funds come through this event which supports PTA activities all year round. This year's fundraiser will be on June 4th and would be a trivia night along with a class competition, which will be a few weeks prior. Details for both will be sent out shortly.
- ii. Looking to fill some openings for committee chair. If anyone is interested in volunteering or can help the spread the word – we are looking for volunteers.

6. **Treasurer's Report (Ana Roth):**

Report for March

- i. We received \$3200 from yearbook orders from half of the books that were ordered. The rest will come through in April.
- ii. For Author day we had books ordered for \$1400.
- iii. For Celebration book donation, we had a total donation of \$614 so far.
- iv. Going out :
 1. Payment to author \$1500 for author day
 2. Science fair \$1339 were spent on T-shirts, trophies and ribbons
 3. 2 residencies during March, 3rd grade residency for \$1200 and 1st grade residence for \$745
 4. Purchased books for the library for \$547, this came from money we raised last year from Celebrations book donations.

5. PTA insurance was \$292
6. Stamps and envelopes for PTA cost was \$28
7. Net cash flow for -\$285

7. Correspondence Report (Urmi Mukerjee): No correspondence

8. Reports:

- a. **Spelling Bee** (Urmi Mukerjee): Recap of the Spelling Bee. Virtual event this year. Winners of the event were awarded during the awards ceremony in school attended by all students. The event pictures will be on salt brook page and district newsletter. Spellers will be part of the High school musical and be part of the show and the audience.
- b. **Yearbook** (Kristina Yadlon): Met our goals in spite of the new company and price increase. Evaluating switching back to the previous companies, as experience with this one was not great.
- c. **Celebration Book drive** (Emily Mellow): *Some of the reminders for the library bonanza will be posted on Facebook. Students and parents wont be able to come in late. Login with the NSPD zoom login.*
- d. **Tiger Track** (Update by Kristina Yadlon): *25 students have signed up. The will start with a zoom call this Friday (April 23rd) to explain and also send out an email to anyone who is participating. Registration is closed.*
- e. **Earth Week** (Diana Ettinger): *This week is Earth week. Doing little things every day and posting them on Facebook for parents to know. Tomorrow is the last day to submit marine artwork, which is placed in the vestibule. Friday is the first walk to school day, part of earth week. Salt Brook tiger will be out greeting students.*
- f. **Teacher Appreciation week** (Diana Ettinger): *It's the week of May 3rd and the team will work on loads of things for that. More details will come out soon.*
- g. **Mother-Son Event** (Geri Fletcher): *The event will be a scavenger hunt, around town. It's going to be on Saturday May 8th. The window will be from 1- 4 PM, and it won't take more than an hour to complete. 4-5 locations have been selected, it will be contactless and also the event is at no cost and a gift from PTA.*
- h. **Father-Daughter Event** (Kristina Yadlon): *It will be similar to the mother son scavenger hunt event.*
- i. **School Supply Kits** (Diana Ettinger): *In the process of organizing the sales. Do similar to last year and have the kits delivered homes. Ordering kits are optional albeit more convenient. Kits will be delivered by the last week of August.*
- j. **6th Grade Committee** (Diana Ettinger): *Lots of events are coming up and we are planning those. Yard signs sale is going to start for 6th grade parents.*

9. Open Forum:

1. **Will the 6th grade party be onsite, so its in the supervision of the school?**

Mrs. Drexinger: We are wary of running large group events in May which may affect the academic instructions. Last week of school is a better time, which can be run outside. We are trying to push everything to the end of the year to allow for state guidelines to change for the better, weather to get nicer and for the students to be outside.

2. **Question about Start Strong tests. Will the results of the tests be shared with parents or will it be only available to school and teachers?**

Mrs. Drexinger: There will be parent reports. Building will have its own data and the parents will receive their own as well.

3. **Are there any academic program planned for students will a faster growth curve, apart from G and T?**

Mrs. Drexinger: The district funding right now is for the students who have experienced learning loss. The recreation does run the summer enrichment academy, where it sometime includes STEM classes and other classes, which involve a higher order thinking. The district will not be running those programs but we have options through the recreation department.

4. **Questions about achievement programs about kids with learning loss. Will they be in-person classes?**

Mrs. Drexinger: Right now we are only looking at in-person classes looking at 21 days in July, for about 3-4 hours a day. We will be targeting language, arts and math.

5. **Question about Field Day. Can Group C attend that?**

At the moment Group C cant come in to participate in school activities so it might be consistent with that, and we are going to do something to include them from home. But we will raise the question with PE and get back.

PTA MEETING
APRIL 21, 2021

I. INCOMING KINDERGARTEN / FIRST GRADE

- Incoming Kindergarten regular education enrollment # 45
- Incoming first grade enrollment # 16 (currently 79. Total anticipated 95)
- Incoming Kindergarten Virtual Orientation, May 4th at 3:00 p.m.
- Incoming Kindergarten Screening (In-Person), May 18th and 19th

II. NJSLs

- Spring assessment is cancelled.
- Will complete state testing for Grades 3 - 6 in Fall, 2021. Assessment is the Start Strong Assessment.
 - The Start Strong assessments provide educators with an early indication of the level of support students may need for the upcoming academic year.
 - Grades 3 - 6 and 6th Grade Science.
 - The assessments are intentionally brief, designed to maximize instructional time and quickly provide critical data to teachers and administrators.

III. SUMMER ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMS

- Analyzing student progress data
- More information to come in May

IV. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Media Bonanza, Thursday Night!
 - Begins with local Author, Cindy Gelormini at 5:30 p.m. Her book entitled, *Robbie's World and His Spectrum of Adventures*, is a trilogy of children's books with 12 chapters about a little penguin with Autism
 - Teacher Family Sessions at 6:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.
- Instrumental Sampling - Grade 3, May 11th (Raindate, May 18th)
- Bike Rodeo - Grade 3, early June
- Field Day - Looking to run a modified Field day event in June
- 6th Grade events
 - Pizza and Fun! 6/21 (rain date 6/22)
 - Promotion - outside, 2 ceremonies 6/23 (rain date 6/24)
 - 2 ceremonies
 - Bagel breakfast / 6th grade video in the cafeteria
 - 6th Grade celebration - Tentatively 6/24