

February PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: February 8, 2023

Location: Salt Brook Cafeteria

Time: 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute
2. Approval of Minutes- January 2023 Meeting
 - a. Approved and available on the PTA website,
 - b. Includes Principal's report and Math presentation.
3. Principal's Report
 - a. See attached report from Mrs. Drexinger.
4. President's Report
 - a. Thank to Leslie Reynolds, Heather Catalano & Sandy Slattery for a wonderful Special Some Under the Sea Dance, a fun time was had by all.
 - b. Thank you to all who helped coordinate and organize the Spelling Bee. The finals are tonight and good luck to all.
 - c. Reminders
 - i. Crossing Card Appreciation Day on 2/14 and Valentine printouts are available on the PTA website.
 - ii. Media bonanza will be on 3/2 with more information to follow.
 - iii. Author Day will be on 3/2. Books are available for sale on the PTA website. Order by 2/24 to have your book on author day.
 - iv. Talent Show registration is now open. Rehearsals will be held on 2/22 & 2/23 with the show on 3/3. Looking for 5th & 6th grade volunteers to MC and help backstage, as well as [parent volunteers.
 - v. STEM Fair will be held on 3/15. Registration is now open.
 - vi. Parent/Child Bingo will be held on 3/17. Tickets will go on sale 2/16.
 - vii. Save the Date for our spring fundraiser to be held on 5/5 at the Stagehouse.
5. Treasurer's Report – See attached for details.
6. Open Forum
 - a. Question for Mrs. Drexinger: Will the lunch period increase to more than 20 minutes?
 - i. There has been no change to the lunch period, even pre-covid. The children get 20 minutes for lunch and 20 minutes for recess.
 - b. If a G&T teacher is out, is there a substitute? No G&T substitute because of the specialized curriculum.

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- **EXCITING CLASSROOM DESIGN PROJECT**
 - Finalizing Details for the new furniture in the classroom. Goal is mobile furniture and flexible learning environment.
 - Coming September 2023 - Transformed, updated, and modern learning spaces.

- **KINDERGARTEN / INCOMING FIRST GRADE REGISTRATION -**
 - Registration Portal is open
 - Incoming students must be registered online. Information for registration is posted on the website.
 - Currently 55 Incoming Kindergarteners registered; 10 Incoming First Graders registered (class size currently 69 Total)

- **STANDARDIZED DATES**
 - In View - Completed, Make-ups in progress
 - NJSLA and NJSL Science - 5/8/23 - 5/17/23. (Specific grade-level dates will be posted shortly on the school calendar)
 - We will communicate further information on testing procedures as the dates get Closer.

- **READ ACROSS AMERICA (February 27 - March 3, 2023)**
 - SEL-themed Read Across America week. Theme is "I Belong, You Belong, We Belong in Books"
 - Activities include:
 - Theme Dress Up Days
 - Customized morning announcements
 - Mystery Class Readers
 - Author Day
 - Library Media Bonanza Night
 - Celebrations Book Spring Kick-Off
 - Talent Show

- **SCHOOL SECURITY and SAFETY**
 - Permanent SRO Status
 - Willow Street - State Grant
 - Student iPad Usage

- **K - 12 CURRICULUM REPORT PRESENTATION - Board of Education Meeting, Thursday Feb 23, 2023**

OTHER

- Thank PTA and all volunteers for efforts with the Parent-Child Sweetheart Dance, tonight's Spelling Bee, upcoming Author Day, Talent Show, and STEM Fair.
- Beginner Band Concert, Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m., SB gymnasium
- Thank Mrs. Demich and teacher volunteers for beginning to organize the Media Bonanza event scheduled for March 2nd
- ***Save the Date!* NPHS Spring Musical**
 - Nice Work if You Can Get It
 - SB Performance for Grades 4 - 6, February 8th
 - Fri/Sat, March 10, 11, 17, 18th - 7:30 pm
 - NPHS Auditorium
 - Tickets go on sale Friday, February 13th