

## Minutes of the Meeting

Type of Meeting: SALT BROOK PTA Meeting  
Date: March 9th, 2022 (In-person)  
Time: 2:00 PM – 2:45 PM  
In Attendance: Mrs. Drexinger, Mr. Firetto, Mrs. Katie Mangle, PTA board members and parents of Salt Brook School.

1. **Call to order and flag salute**
2. **Approval of Minutes- February 2022 Meeting:** Approved without any objections or corrections.
3. **Principals Report:** Principal report is attached below.
4. **Teachers Representative:** No Teachers Representative
5. **Announcements by Mrs. Katie Mangle:** (District communications coordinator)
  - a. The musical this year by the High school students is Seussical.
  - b. Over 65 High school and middle school kids will be part of the production.
  - c. Musical is suitable for all ages. The show is for 2 hours, there are 6 shows over two weekends
  - d. Tickets can be purchased online, over district website.
6. **Presidents message / Announcements**
  - a. **Presidents Message:** (*Diana Ettinger*)
    - a. *Raffling of \$25 towards our 31-fundraiser. Grace is the winner.*
    - b. *Sale continues through March 13<sup>th</sup>.*
    - c. *Bag ban coming up in May, we have bags and Earth day coming up, the sale is for reusable bags, organizational things.*
    - d. *Facebook party is ending but the link is on.*
    - e. *Ann will be the President next year, Nicole will be vice-president.*
  - b. **Treasurer Report:** (*Ana Roth*) *Report for February 2022. Available on the website*
  - c. **Correspondence Report:** (*Urmi Mukerjee*) *No Correspondence*
  - d. **Committee Reports:**
    - a. **Ann:**
      - a. *More events will be available next year like a regular year.*
      - b. *Committee chairs are open and we are looking for volunteers.*
    - b. **STEM Fair( Diana Ettinger):**
      - a. *Happening tomorrow*
      - b. *Teachers and students from high school and middle school coming as judges for the event.*

- c. Parents and students are welcome*
- c. Spelling Bee (Urmi Mukerjee):**
  - a. Spelling Bee competition was on March 1<sup>st</sup>.*
  - b. Event will be in person and parents are invited to watch the event.*
  - c. Read out winner list.*
- d. Author Day (Elizabeth Lee):**
  - a. Author day was on March 3<sup>rd</sup>*
  - b. David Adler was the author and he was able to join students over zoom.*
  - c. All the books that were ordered should have received that already signed by Mr. Adler.*
- e. Talent Show:**
  - a. New dates are March 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be in the evening and we hope to have in person.*
  - b. Performance will include kids performing shows, backstage and MCs*
  - c. Looking for volunteers to fill spots.*
  - d. Open to kids 1-6<sup>th</sup> grade and will be in two sessions.*
- f. Spring Fundraiser/ Party with a Purpose (Stacy Guntherman):**
  - a. Spring fundraiser will now be called 'Party with a Purpose'.*
  - b. Dates for the event are Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Grove at Sterling Hotel.*
  - c. There will be food, drink tickets, bar will be open for further purchase.*
  - d. Raised \$6000 business sponsorships for the event.*
  - e. Tickets will go on sale March 21<sup>st</sup>, early bird special details will soon be revealed.*
  - f. Any corporate connections, will be willing to sponsor the event will need to be secured ASAP. The person bringing in the connection will get 10% off their ticket price.*
  - g. To donate any items for silent auction or raffle, will like to have those secured to help prepare for the program print materials.*

*Open Session:*

**Question:** In the PTA parents meeting, they were targeting full day kindergarten a year or two down the line. If we were to change the current structure of the school and add two new classes how will that look for Salt Brook?

**Answer by Mrs. Drexinger:** Kindergarten rooms have to be a certain regulation size, we have two rooms which fall under those regulation sizes, that contain bathrooms. We have the space and classrooms. We will have to move some classrooms around. Registrations at Salt Brook are predicted to go down based on the demographic study even with the new housing development coming in, we will be in a good spot and not peak. We might have to double up rooms, but will have place for a full day kindergarten.

**Question:** Next year would we have all the kids go back to assembling at the upper playground?

**Answer by Mrs. Drexinger:** The feedback right now is that everyone likes the new setup and kids are separated out. We are ok leaving it like the way it is, but there are pros and cons to be considered.

## ***PTA MEETING***

***March 9, 2022***

### **I. TEACHER OF THE YEAR – Mrs. Powers - Grade 1**

### **II. KINDERGARTEN / INCOMING FIRST GRADE REGISTRATION**

- Incoming Kindergarten - 42
- Incoming First Grade - 21 (45 current kdg + 21 = 66)

### **III. UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS**

- 7th Grade Placement Test, Gr. 6 March 28-29 (ELA and Math)
- NJSLA and NJSL Science - 5/9 - 5/25/22. (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.

### **IV. MEDIA CENTER PROJECT - Academic Learning Commons**

- Share Finalized Design
- Learning Commons Concept - Next Generation Learning Space includes:
  - Flexible space with planned learning zones where students and staff will have the opportunity to use individually for personalized learning, as a small group, or whole class instruction. Inviting and comfortable furniture (cafe tables, stools, squiggle tables, pods etc)
  - Space that allows for the facilitation of movement and provides comfortable areas and options for standing or sitting.
  - Spaces for collaborative learning, student activity, and independent study that incorporate different settings, have choices built in, and foster inspiration and creativity.
  - Spaces that allow for technology integration and maximize the use of student and teacher time.
  - Space that is sustainable over time and allows for a constant changing world/environment.
  - Space for the SB Broadcast Studio - live morning announcements, green screen use

### **V. REMINDERS**

- Please do not call your child on their cell phone or smart watch during school hours. If necessary, you can get a message through to them via the main office.

### **VI. OTHER**

- Vocal Concert Date Change - May 4th (Due to state testing)
- Thank Mrs. Demich and teacher volunteers for beginning to organize the Media Bonanza event scheduled for March 31st.
- Thank PTA and all volunteers for efforts with the upcoming STEM Fair, Talent Show, PTA Party for a Purpose event and everything else that is coming up!
- ***Save the Date!* NPHS Musical - This Weekend**
  - Seussical: The Musical
  - Fri/Sat, March 11, 12, 18, 19 - 7:00 pm
  - Sun, March 13 and Sat, March 19 - 2:00 pm
  - NPHS Auditorium
  - Ticket information to be released soon