

Minutes of the Meeting

Type of Meeting: SALT BROOK PTA Meeting
Date: May 11th, 2022 (In-person)
Time: 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM
In Attendance: Mrs. Drexinger, Mr. Firetto, PTA board members and parents of Salt Brook School.

1. **Call to order and flag salute**
2. **Approval of Minutes- April 2022 Meeting:** Approved without any objections or corrections.
3. **Principals Report:** Principal report is attached below.
4. **Teachers Representative:** No Teachers Representative
5. **Presidents message / Announcements**
 - (a) *Next Year PTA board nominations:*
 - (i) *Anne Looney – President*
 - (ii) *Nicole Mortola- Vice President*
 - (iii) *Carly Spary – Treasurer*
 - (iv) *Christine Stramandinoli- Secretary*
 - (v) *Diana Ettinger – Technology*
 - a. **Treasurer Report:** *(Ana Roth) Report for April 2022.* Available on the website
 - b. **Correspondence Report:** *(Urmi Mukerjee)*
 - (a) **Correspondence/ Thank you cards from teachers on the Staff appreciation week.** We received cards from:
 - (i) 5th grade teachers (Mrs Demaresky, Ms Marciano, Mrs Hamilton, Ms. Press and Mr. Vopal)
 - (ii) All Teachers from 1st Grade class
 - (iii) Joanne Catlett
 - (iv) Mrs. Shivers
 - (v) Mrs. Parlapanides
 - (vi) Mrs. Paula Vieira
 - c. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Earth Week:**
 - a. *Successfully carried out activities planned around Earth week*
 - b. *'Students loved our Earth' by following the activities assigned for the week – Using reusable water bottles, biodegradable straws, sea creature art project, danced and took pictures with the Salt Brook tiger.*
 - b. **Mission Impossible (Geri Fletcher):**
 - a. *Event took place on April 29th*
 - b. *Kick off with the event at lower playground,*

students/parents picked their envelopes with sunglasses, name tags.

- c. Using an app called GooseChase, families logged on where they were given 31 missions to complete in an hour.*
- d. 66 families registered, there were 5 games (between 4PM-9PM), 1175 photo submissions, total spend was \$1693.*

c. Staff Appreciation Week (Nicole Mortola):

- a. Thanking the parents for their generosity in the donations of GC, snacks, and hosting the different events through the week.*
- b. We started beginning of the week with snack day, raising enough snacks for the teachers for the end of the year. We did Lunch events, Gift cards and two winners got to win the \$50 GC while all staff members won something that day.*
- c. Also we had breakfast events and the end of the week was the Salt Brook Sunday with an ice cream truck, which everyone enjoyed.*

d. Party For a Purpose (Stacy and team):

- a. Thanking all the committee members, parents, local businesses who donated items or sponsorships.*
- b. 50 different raffle baskets, 15 teacher experiences where teachers donated a prize to happen while on a school day or end of the day, that parents can win on behalf of the students. We had silent and two live auctions. Conclusion of the night was Principal of the day as a live auction, the bidding went up to \$1000 as co-principals of the day!*
- c. Live auctions raised \$5800 along with tickets and sponsorships the net would be about \$16,000 against our goal of \$12,000.*

e. After School Treat Sale:

- a. May 20th will be the next sale*
- b. It will be an ice sale, looking for volunteers to hand out treat*

f. Field Day:

- a. Event is on May 27th.*
- b. PTA is responsible for snack, water and favors.*
- c. Gym teachers responsible for the games.*
- d. Volunteer sign up has been full for months. For volunteers who cant make it, please let Amy know, she has plenty backup this year.*

g. Book Swap(Loveena Tayal):

- a. Book swap after two years!*

- b. *Important dates are May 23-25th for students to bring in the books, June 1st-3rd are the swap days.*
- c. *Students can bring in upto two books with no limit.*

h. Sweetheart Dance:

- a. *June 3rd is the date of the dance*
- b. *Information and sign up details will be available on the PTA blast*
- c. *DJ is secured and decorations are being ordered*
- d. *There is a capacity limit, so book your tickets fast.*

i. 6th Grade Committee:

- a. *Friday will be the last PINS, it's a free event.*
- b. *PINS for 5th graders on Friday at 3:00 PM.*
- c. *Jeff Lakes Field trip is scheduled for June 8th, June 13th is the rain date.*
- d. *June 11th, is 6th grade movie night, more information will be out soon.*
- e. *June 20th, end of year party, that's a half day and we will have end of year pizza, games and ice cream truck. We might move that to 6/21 if the weather is not good.*
- f. *5th grade parents who have expressed interest to form 6th grade committee have met and discussed things to be planned.*

j. Open Forum

- a. **Family Fun Night:** Family fun night will be Ice Cream trucks. We are reviewing quotes. It will be a free ice cream for students, and maybe collect donations from parents to offset the cost. June 10th is the day of the event, more information will be out soon.
- b. **Member Lunch:** In the process of organizing the PTA lunch at Harlee's and a nice way to thanking all the PTA volunteers. It will be between 11:30 and 1:30PM. Event will be on June 9th. More information will go out as soon as we get information from them
- c. **PTA Calendar for next year:** Setting up a preliminary calendar to get to Mrs. Drexinger by the end of the month. We are still discussing items and thinking of some dates to either spread them out or keep some of the dates as they worked out this year based on the feedback of the committee members and parents. Also planning to get more events.

Open Forum:

Question: Is the invitation to the 6th grade graduation only for parents or is there room to invite grandparents?

Answer by Mrs. Drexinger: We are still working on the details. We have received the feedback that the parents who want to watch the video along with their children and if that happens we will not be able to hold the ceremony outside. Logistics would be a lot – we will be moving the children from the inside to the outside to the breakfast -that will be three different locations. If we do get to bring the parents inside, then we will go back to our old procedures where in the ceremony will be at the gymnasium, immediately followed by the video for the parents who wish to stay and watch together and then the students come over to the cafeteria for breakfast and the year book signing. Most likely that will be the format this year, in which case grandparents will not be invited, but we will be live streaming the event. So any grandparent that would like to can log on.

**PTA MEETING
MAY 11, 2022**

I. INCOMING KINDERGARTEN / FIRST GRADE

- Incoming Kindergarten regular education enrollment # 59
- Incoming first grade enrollment # 68

II. NJSLA TESTING Grs. 3 - 6 - Is taking place during the next 3 weeks.

- Please refer to separate grade-level testing schedules that were sent home
- All student iPads should be fully charged before the test each day.

III. THANK YOU!

- Mrs. Ettinger - Outgoing PTA President
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- PTA Parent Fundraiser

IV. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bike Rodeo - Grade 3, June 2nd
- Field Day, Grades K - 6 - May 27th
- Sweetheart Dance, June 3rd
- Book Swap, May 31 - June 1, 2022
- Band Concert - Grades 4 - 6, June 1st
- Orchestra Concert - Grades 4 - 6, June 6th
- 6th Grade events - End of the Year 6th Grade celebrations 6/21/22
 - Promotion
 - Breakfast
 - Clap-Out