

## Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2023

Salt Brook Cafeteria- 2:00 pm

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute
2. Approval of Minutes- May 2023 Meeting
  - a. Approved and available on the PTA website
3. Mr. Firetto presented Anti-Bullying information. Links to the district policy and code of conduct regulations are available on the school website.
4. Principal's Report
  - a. Please see attached for details.
5. President's Message/ Announcements
  - a. PTA President, Mrs. Anne Looney introduced herself and gave a brief overview of the PTA.
  - b. PTA is funded by PTA memberships.
  - c. Class Dues this year are \$25 per child. This money covers holiday parties, snacks, and teacher gifts throughout the year. Any leftover class funds will stay with the class.
6. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Aug 23 Report
  - b. 2022/2023 School Year Audit Approval
    - i. Thank you, Maria Rios, for completing the audit.
7. Correspondence Report- None noted.
8. Committee Reports
  - a. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee (Pasta Feast)
    - i. Open to the entire school and tickets can be purchased on the PTA website.
  - b. Treat Sales 9/22
  - c. Movie Night 10/13- Zombies
  - d. Book Fair – Save the Date 10/24-10/26 – More communication will be sent. Volunteer opportunities.
  - e. Grandparents Day- Save the Date 10/24 for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades.
  - f. Picture Day will be 9/27
9. Open Forum

***PTA MEETING***  
***SEPTEMBER 13, 2023***

**I. GREAT OPENING!** Thank you to to all: staff, students, and parents for preparing for the new year!

**II. HIB PRESENTATION - Dr. Firetto**

**111. CURRICULUM / CLASSROOM / ASSESSMENTS UPDATE**

- All teachers continue to use Google Classroom and SeaSaw primary grades
- Common Templates “Daily Plans” posted in google classrooms to assist
- Back to School Nights are going on now. Please continually refer to the Program of Studies located on the district website for more curricular information.
- iReady and TC Assessments almost finalized in all classes.
- We are still waiting for NJSLA Spring, 2023 Assessments results will be mailed as soon as we receive them to students who were in Grades 3 - 6 during the 22-23 school year.
- Prior to school starting the teachers engaged in Professional Development workshops geared towards the district’s continued goal of personalized learning: our goal is to customize learning for each student’s strengths, needs, skills, and interests. Examples include
  - Classroom design
  - Integration of Mobile Technology
  - iReady Training
  - Personalized Learning / SEL
  - Co-Teaching
  - Full Day Kindergarten Meetings
  - ESL strategies for classroom teachers

**IV. SB EXCITING UPGRADES!**

- New classroom furniture - special thanks to our custodial staff for assisting in with the disposal of the old furniture and the arrival of the new furniture
- New Bleachers in the gymnasium
- Looking forward to HVAC project next summer!

**V. DISTRICT-SPONSORED AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - Will run clubs this year beginning at 3:00 p.m.** Sign-ups will begin in October. Clubs include:

- STEM Clubs Grades 1 - 6
- Art Club
- World Language Club
- Broadcasters Club
- SWAG - Students with Attitudes of Greatness, Character Education - Begin in January
- SWAT - Students Willing & Able to Assist with Technology

**VI. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS**

- School Drills
  - One fire drill per month.
  - One emergency drill per month.
  - Phone Notification System in place for this year and ready to go when needed. Test of the system took place on Tuesday, September 12th.
- Traffic/Parking

**VI. UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Week of Respect
- Anti-Violence Awareness Week
- Band/Orchestra Beginner's Night - Grade 4, October 17th
- Family Fun Movie Night, October 13th
- PTA Book Fair, October 24 - 26th
- Grandparent's Day, October 24th
- Halloween Celebrations - October 31st

**VII. THANK PTA AND PARENTS FOR SUPPORT!**

- Special thanks to everyone for helping to make the start of this school year a success!
- If you would like to get more involved, Substitutes and playground aides Needed - applications found on the district website.