

## Minutes of the Meeting

Type of Meeting: SALT BROOK PTA Meeting  
Date: November 10, 2021 (In person)  
Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 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- October 2021 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. **Presidents Message:** (*Diana Ettinger*)
    - a. *Again a mention of the Superintendents forum.* There is a link on the salt brook home page, it's a good read with information about all grades.
    - b. Link to the Covid form in on the homepage.
  - b. **Treasurer Report:** (*Ana Roth*) Report for October 2021. Available on the website
  - c. **Correspondence Report:** (*Urmi Mukerjee*) No communications
  - d. **Committee Reports:**
    - a. **Book Fair:** (*Kathy Walsh*)
      - a. *Book fair is going on and we can also order books online till Nov 21st and it will be shipped to your house.*
      - b. *This was the first time eWallets were set up for students and teachers. Parents donated to the teacher's eWallet, which went towards teacher classrooms.*
      - c. *Book sales will go on to support Library renovation.*
    - b. **Holiday Craft:**
      - a. *Fun craft for the kids to do in school by Color Me Mine, is coming up!*
      - b. *It will be on 2 days (k -2 on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>).*
      - c. *It's at 3:00 PM after school and the students from lower grades will be picked up from class.*
      - d. *This year they are making ice-cream bowls.*
    - c. **Celebrations: (Anne Looney)**
      - a. *Celebration book drive starts Friday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>.*
      - b. *Opportunity to make donation to school library and also gifts. Suggested donation is between \$15-\$20.*
      - c. *Students/parents can pick a specific book or can*

*discuss with Mrs Demich the book you would like – e.g. sports, music, etc and she will pick something she needs.*

*d. Great gift for teachers, staff members or students. You will get a certificate and a book plate saying who its dedicated to and who its from. Also your student will get the opportunity to check the book out first.*

**6. Open Forum:** *Rest of the forum discussed the items for the PTA sale.*

***PTA MEETING***  
***NOVEMBER 10, 2021***

**1. HIGHLIGHTS: “SOME GOOD NEWS”**

- Book Fair - This week
- Beginner Band Night
- Veterans Day - Thursday, November 11, 2021
- American Education Week - November 15 - 19, 2021
- Reminder: Share your family's Good News with us. Link on SB webpage, sidebar

**2. AFTER SCHOOL/SUMMER REMEDIAL PROGRAM**

- **Winter ESSER Programs - Education Stabilization Fund** in the CARES Act,1 Grant monies to address the impact that the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019
- Winter Program dates: 12 week program, starting the week of January 3rd; final week will be week of March 21st, with weeks of March 28th and April 4th for make-up sessions.
- Letters to families should be sent by December 6th (estimated).
- Use assessment data ([last year's recommendations](#), grades, fall district assessments, fall Start Strong assessments, teacher recommendations) to determine student invitations. **ongoing through December 4th**
- Inform parents of students who qualified for the ESSER After-School Program in a letter that also explains the services. Submit a copy of one letter. **send out December 6th (estimated)**

**3. TRIMESTER / REPORT CARDS**

- First Trimester ends on December 8, 2021
- Electronic Copies are available in the power school portal on December 14, 2021
- Kindergarten Conferences: December 8th - 10th

**4. AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS –**

- Clubs are beginning this week and next and run through April

**5. UPCOMING SUPERINTENDENT’S FORUM - 11/22/21 - Topic: Programs of Studies**

**6. HEALTH OFFICE REMINDERS**

- **Cold Weather Days** - Please dress your children in layers to allow for open windows when possible.
- **COVID-19 Vaccinations for ages 5 and older-**
  - Information on vaccines and where to get them is updated frequently on the Health Office tab of the Salt Brook website.

Look for the “Covid-19” menu item, then the dropdown choice “[Covid-19 Vaccine Information](#)”

- If students experience symptoms after receiving a Covid vaccine, no testing is needed for the two days after the vaccination date. If symptoms continue without improvement, or symptoms develop day 3 or later, the usual illness protocols need to be followed.
- Travel quarantines are not required for fully vaccinated students. “Fully vaccinated” status begins two weeks after receiving the second vaccine dose. Students must be “fully vaccinated” as of the start of travel to avoid the quarantine requirement for travel outside the contiguous U.S.
- Please upload vaccination cards on the district [COVID-19 Vaccination Card Form](#)

### ***Questions during Meeting:***

**Question:** If a student has been vaccinated and while in the class they are identified as close contacts, will parents get notified?

**Answer by Mrs. Drexinger:** I will check about the answer but it probably is no.

**Question:** Want to know about the frequency of the after school enrichment? Is that a couple days a week or everyday and how long are they for?

**Answer by Mr. Firetto:** Its twice a week. Its about 45 min from 3:00 PM after school to about 3:45PM. We are waiting for the current state assessment data to know which students will be part of the program.

**Question:** Are we getting any funding for other activities like music?

**Answer by Mrs. Drexinger:** We are starting to provide open hours after school. Mr. Rostad has started providing open hours (extra assistance) after school. STEM has started activities and also some budget is earmarked for the Robotics challenge with the department head. They are also looking at an art club but we have an art club running in salt brook.

**Question:** Are the parents getting the results of the iReady and other Assessment Tests?

**Answer by Mr. Firetto:** We will be sending out the letters once they come in from the state about the Start Strong tests. We are waiting for the state to let us know more about the timeline.