

## October PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: October 26, 2022

Location: Salt Brook Cafeteria

Time: 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute
2. Special Guest: Elizabeth Lee NP Municipal Alliance, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade LEAD
  - a. NP Alliance maintains a consistent presence in our community each year, striving to keep our citizens aware of current trends in drug and alcohol abuse impacting all our lives. They are funded by a grant from the Governor's Council of Alcohol and Drug Addiction, the Borough of New Providence and via fund raising efforts.
  - b. The Alliance sponsors many programs including:
    - i. Every 15 minutes – Simulated Drink Driving Crash (HS)
    - ii. Consent 101 (HS)
    - iii. HS/MS Peer Leaders
    - iv. Red Ribbon Dance and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Dance
    - v. LEAD Program (5<sup>th</sup> Grade at SB, AWR & OLP)
      1. Run by NP Police Officers
        - a. Teach about good decision making
        - b. Conflict resolution
        - c. Anger management
    - vi. Follow on NP Alliance on Facebook/ Instagram to keep current on events
      1. This week is Red Ribbon Week
    - vii. New Program in Spring 2023- Black Poster Project – Addiction
    - viii. Any questions or interested in volunteering, reach out via email or social media.
3. Approval of Minutes- September 2022
  - a. Approved and available on the PTA Website
4. Principal's Report - (Please see attached)
5. President's Message / Announcements
  - a. Thank you to our volunteers Lisa and Lauren for a wonderful Movie Night held last Friday as well as Leanna, Karen, Carly, and Larissa for bringing back Grandparents Day.
  - b. Two Reminders:
    - i. Picture Retake Day is on November 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - ii. Holiday Craft in December – Registration will open next week.
6. Treasurer's Report – (Please see attached)
7. Correspondence Report- No Correspondence

## 8. Committee Reports

- a. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee-
  - i. Halloween Haunt is this Friday being held at Salt Brook
  - ii. Donut Sale fundraiser on 11/4
- b. Treat Sales
  - i. Last Sale for the Fall was held on 10/14 and we raised a little more than \$600
- c. Movie Night
  - i. Pre-Sold about \$450 tickets / \$365 Day of Sales and Bake Sale items
  - ii. Thank to all those who helped plan
  - iii. Profit of approximately \$600
  - iv. Possibly move Movie Night to an earlier date next year
- d. Book Fair
  - i. Kathy reported that record sales on Day 1 as compared to previous years
  - ii. Final Day of the Book Fair is tomorrow / Volunteer opportunities still available
- e. Grandparents Day
  - i. Over 100 Grandparents took part in this special day
  - ii. Thank you to all those involved who helped make this day run smoothly.
  - iii. Budget of \$200- Food and extra donations were given so this event looks to have come in under budget.
- f. Veteran's Day
  - i. Card making activity on 11/4
  - ii. Registration is still open
  - iii. Cards will be delivered to the VA Hospital after the event

## 9. Open Forum

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**CHARACTER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Review of HIB Legislation
- Essential Core Lessons
  - Building Relationships
  - Bullying vs. Normal Conflict
  - Recognizing the Roles People Play
  - Upstander Strategies
  - Responsible Reporting
  - Assessment and Action
- 2022 - 2023 New Theme Announced - I Belong, You Belong, We Belong
- [2022 - 2023 Character Education Kick-off Video](#)
- Beginning to incorporate this overarching theme into our daily activities. We will have new monthly themes that correspond and support the overarching theme.
- As parents, you can assist us by reinforcing this message at home.
  - Discuss Emotions. Talk about emotions with your children and show them that it is ok for them to share how they feel.
  - Show an Interest. Take an interest in what your children are doing. Involve yourself in the important events in your kids' lives and talk about these with them.
  - Spend Quality Time Together. Turn off the cell phones and play a game together, take a family walk, or plan a family movie night.
  - Encourage Relationships. Encourage children to build relationships with others through sports, school activities, clubs etc.
  - Spend time with Neighbors and Family Friends in your community - Show your children that it is okay to interact with the members of their community. These interactions can help them to feel more confident and widen their circle of trust.
- District-wide activities i.e. Pumpkin Math
- Week of Respect / Red Ribbon / Anti Violence Awareness Week – recognized during the month of October

**STATE ASSESSMENTS -**

- Start Strong Assessment - Grades 4 - 6
  - Went Well!
  - Waiting for final data and parent reports from the State.
  - Parent reports will be received. Our Director of Curriculum, Mr. Keaney will inform parents when those reports are available and will explain how to interpret the results.

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS –**

- Sign-ups were sent home
- All clubs will be in-person this year
- Club Offerings
  - Art Club - Gr. 3
  - STEM Clubs- Grades 1 - 6
  - Multicultural Club Grs 1 - 4
  - SWAG - Students with Attitudes of Greatness - Gr. 6
  - Broadcasters - Grade 6
  - SWAT (Students Willing to Assist with Technology) - Grs. 5 and 6
- We will try our best to ensure that all who wish to participate can. However, in order to keep the club participant size conducive to learning we may not be able to accommodate all. A “wait list” will be made for all students who were not able to participate

## **BOND REFERENDUM**

- **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

## **UPCOMING OCTOBER / NOVEMBER EVENTS –**

- RED RIBBON WEEK, October 24 - 28 - The theme is *“Sense” of Belonging* include daily wellness related activities.
  - Monday - **SMELL** - **“Stop and Smell the Roses, Take a Nature Walk”**
  - Tuesday - **SIGHT** - **“Look Both Ways”**
  - Wednesday **TASTE** - **“Be aware of what you eat”**
  - Thursday **TOUCH** **“Practice 5 Fingers Breathing”**
  - Friday **HEAR** **“Music can lighten the mood”**
- Halloween Dress-up Day and Parade, October 31st
- Parent- Teacher Conferences: Grades Kdg - 6, November 7 - 9
- American Education Week
  - Parent visitations November 15th and 16th (Tuesday and Wednesday) from 9 - 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
  - School Picture Retakes, November 2nd
- Thanksgiving Recess, November 23rd 12:30 p.m. - November 25th