

May 16, 2018

**PTA Meeting Minutes  
Salt Brook Cafeteria**

1:30 pm

1. **Call to Order and Flag Salute**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Tara Murphy  
Please see attached
4. **Correspondence Report** - Diana Farrell

Thank you note from 1st grade team regarding residency, HiTouch/HiTech.

5. **Principal's Report** - Mrs. Drexinger

School Security Follow-Up

School Resource Officer- The Middle/High School will have a school resource officer starting next year. He/she will be a New Providence Police Officer. The Elementary schools will have a school resource officer starting next year as well. He/she will be a retired police officer. The New Providence Municipality and Board of Education will be splitting the cost of the officers. Some of the responsibilities will be directing traffic, teaching classes, and safety. A few questions were brought up at the meeting. Will the officers carry guns? Yes. Do they go thru a mental health screening. Yes. Who will handle discipline? The school administrators will handle discipline, except in any cases they would usually use police assistance, example: theft.

3M Safety Film will be placed on all 1st floor windows and front vestibule. It is an additional form of security.

New locks are in the process of being installed on all classroom doors and interior doors, as well as, some exterior doors. It will allow the classroom teacher to easily lock the classroom door in case of an emergency.

Debriefing of students- The teachers will not debrief the students after an emergency. Teachers do not know exactly what happened and do not want to misinform students.

Communication/Notifications- In the event of an emergency, Dr. Michelli will continue to send out an email to notify the parents. Notification will be sent after the event, not during the event for safety and accuracy.

District Website: Site Shortcuts: School Security Information, Guidelines, Superintendent letter.

## Incoming Kindergarten and First Grade Students

Incoming kindergarten regular education enrollment is 71.  
Incoming first grade enrollment is 90 (33 new first graders entering in September). They are monitoring the numbers.

## PARCC

So far, so good! Most grades completed. Grade 5 finishes tomorrow.  
Make-ups underway. Discussing scheduling for next year, whether or not to double up and shorten week or keep it the same.

## Thank you

Thank you to everyone who worked on and participated in the Taste of New Providence.  
Thank you for Teacher Appreciation Week! The teachers had a wonderful time and the food was great.  
Thank you to the NP Rotary Club for donating dictionaries to the 3rd graders.  
Thank you to Joe Eberle for building the Book Box on the lower playground. The box has books in it for the students to read during recess. The High School will be building a box for the upper playground.

## Upcoming Events

Vocal Concert is May 30th at NP High School.  
Field Day is June 1st on the Salt Brook Field.  
Wellness Week is a new event. It is June 4th to the 8th.  
Instrumental Concert is June 5th at NP High School.  
Orchestra Concert is June 11th at NP High School.  
Family Fun Night is June 15th.

## 6. **Teachers' Representative Report** - Ms. Spoerl

Younger students wrote inspirational post-it notes to post around the school to encourage the older students on the PARCC test.  
PARCC is winding down.  
Book Swap- Higher level books are needed for the upper grades.  
Teacher Appreciation week was amazing, and the food was wonderful.  
6th Grade STEM participating in Solar Sprints at NP High School.  
The teachers are excited for the Teachers' Room makeover.

## 7. **Committee Reports:**

### a. **Bridges-** Candee MacAloon, Jennifer Niederhoffer

Bridges is rescheduled for this Friday, May 18, 2018  
Donations needed: water bottles, granola bars, fruit.

55 children are signed up.  
A table in the vestibule is set up for donations

b. After School Concessions- Sioned Sanders

Pretzel sale was last Thursday. Profit was over \$600.  
Every two weeks there will be an ice sale on the 2 playgrounds.  
Parents are needed for ice sales. The next sale will be on the 24th  
of May.  
Looking for someone to take over for next year.

c. 3rd Grade Bike Rodeo- Erin Skortarczak, Maureen Reilly, Tara Murphy

May 31st. 3rd grade students will bring their bikes and helmets to  
school. Looking for committee for next year.

d. Field Day- Amy Reilling, Debbie Merrick

Kids have a great time. No tee-shirts this year because of cost.  
Students will receive a color terry cloth wrist band. Encourage  
children to go crazy with color of team. There will be 4 colors this  
year. Students will rotate to a new station every 8 minutes. They  
will receive water and ice pops. High School students will help out.

e. Book swap - Rennee Shraft, Michelle Zack

June 5th and 6th. Set up June 4th. There will be a Sign-up Genius  
for volunteers soon. Collection of books will be the week before.

f. School Supplies- Dana Blankenbaker, Mary Jo Benward

Online orders only. Due date: June 15th. Please see PTA website  
for ordering code.

g. Family Fun Night- Ally Santacross, Jeanne Cook, Kori Markel

June 15th, 6pm-8:30pm. There will be 3 giant inflatable activities.  
There will be 2 food trucks to purchase food: Oink & Moo and Grill  
Cheese truck. *Please note, food trucks are **not** included with  
admission.* \$5 single child, \$10 max family.

h. 6th Grade Committee- Shannon Naughton, Jama Vitale

6th grade mixer is June 8th-Beach Theme

8. **Board Nominations:**

Board positions are filled for next year.

- a. Member Lunch- June 14th, 11:30am, Providence Bar & Kitchen
- b. By-laws- renewing the same by-laws as before. State PTA has to approve and then will post on website.
- c. Open Committee Chairs -
  - Reflections Art Contest
  - Room Parents
  - Concessions
  - Cultural Arts
  - Holiday Craft K-2
  - Sweetheart Dance
  - Celebrations
  - Book Swap
  - Environment
- d. Superintendent Forums topics for next year: ideas are welcomed. Please send to Korin Markel. Possible Report Card revision for the elementary level and possible trimesters.

A special thank you to Anjula Menen, Shannon Naughton, and Ally Santacross for organizing a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week.

