

## May PTA meeting minutes

5/15/19

1. Call to order and flag salute 2. Approval of minutes 3. Nomination of new officers- Emily Mellow VP, Diana Ettinger Technology 4. Principals report

a. Officer Dan renewed- great fit, many improvements, trusted in school. Working on getting screens for

first floor- safety concern, also helpful for allergies. Researching safety screens.

Approval for funding. Other recommendations have been made for future. Been in a lot of training, NP sends an officer to cover. School security training. Incoming k up to 47. 3 sections -2 AM/1 PM (Sebastian PM, Smargiassi AM/PT). 4 first grade classes.

After 2 spots, go to AWR-5 sections. c. Next year staff goal- exploring generation Z/alpha student. Learning strategies to motivate and educate.

Different attention spans, use of technology, etc. More decision making for children now. Inclusion model gr 1-6 will be pushed into classes. Ex...Mrs Minich and Mrs Parlipinedes for grade 1. Looking at different types of seating for kids.

Scoop seating, wobble chairs, etc. Stand up desks. PTA just granted

15K to spend on alternative seating, furniture and materials. d. Next goal- dealing with future when people will have different professions over a lifetime. Need more interpersonal skills, planning skills. Social/emotional learning, anxiety, coping skills, etc. School summer facility projects, Main office counter and filing cabinets. Window Screens. Student Bathroom floors. Replacing countertops, sinks and faucets in classrooms. Outdoor sidewalks, some

paving. Install additional outside lighting. Painting some classrooms. f. Thank you, teacher appreciation week. Teachers-literacy night and art show – 30 volunteers. & Upcoming events: vocal concert May 29 at NPHS. Field day May 31. Wellness week June 3/7. June 5

Band, June 10 Orchestra, Wax museum 6/18. Family fun night 6/7 h. Made a recommendation for a new sixth grade science teacher. Hired a second phys ed teacher.

Monday night board approval. One special ed teacher open. One of our custodians became head

custodian at AWR. Currently hiring. Some maternity leave positions to fill. 5. No teacher report 6. Correspondence- first grade teachers thank you for the high tech program. Deb Munies thanked us for letting

her come to speak at previous meeting. 7. Treasurer... deposit 9667.645. Spent

1321. Spring fling spent 1878.19. Sixth grade spent 160.00 8. Guest speaker - Erin Halper

a. From Summit. Company the Upside- supports women who pursue careers as independent contractors.

At 32, pregnant and found out son had health issues. Couldn't see how she would continue career.

Decided to become a consultant. Had flexibility, could make own schedule, etc.

b. Saw many people out here who were struggling with commute, or didn't have a job but wished they did. People working PT who wanted more of a challenge but a way to juggle.

So, she started this company to focus on consulting. Company been around for 2 years. C. Speaks a lot about work/life balance. Its not a see saw life is spouse, kids, extended family, friends,

health and self care, taking care of a house. Lots of buckets that would need to be small to balance with a big work bucket. If priorities are different, buckets can be different sizes. It's a choice every

day...example, children could be more important to you than your job. d. Question about what to do if you have experience in a non corporate job. Are there opportunities? PT

jobs in some areas make far less than a person with a flexible job in corporate area. e. Flexible entrepreneurship- realizing that things may progress slower but accept that. f. Networking is very important. Need interpersonal skills. g. Advisory on consulting, community platform for people to compare and discuss, not a job marketplace

but help put people in contact with clients. h. Biggest mistake-go outside network. Get work by talking to people in your network from prior jobs, etc. Most people will take a 15 minute meeting if you bring a coffee. If you ask people to leave it can be

harder so go to them. Old bosses, then old colleagues, then friends/family/alumni, Throw enough darts

and you hit something. i. Work with people in Advertising, marketing, finance, block chain, PR j. Coco --- community work space, place where you can meet others. You can go to an office and focus. A

place where you can get resources and support. They have events for skill building and networking. Can

meet others, etc. Lauren Decker runs. Downtown Summit.

k. Mrs Drexinger — this seems like what things could be like for our kids in

20-25 years. 9. Mrs Kral guest speaker — wellness week. 6/3-6/7

a. Ask kids if they remembered. Didn't completely. Remembered assembly, and Y coming.

participate on own unless parents push them to so wanted to share with parents and ask for support c. Schedule attached. Y will come as well as everything listed.

My plate- coloring activity, Tobacco Free Tuesday, got a free banner to hang in main lobby. Will have kids sign cards or post its pledging to be tobacco free. Setting a mindset. The more levels of environment that they are exposed to info, the more likely they will act on it. Wednesday is Walk to School Day. Small raffle items for that day. Need help pulling names bc at health class first period. Thursday dress as a super hero. Be a health hero-dress as a health professional that's a hero - nurses, doctors etc. Hoping this is day Y can come. Super hero workout. Fit Friday, working with Mrs Merrick and Mr Cruz about showcasing the running club and giving a demo. The assembly is hip hop for health. Same company that did Jump with Jill last year. Shown twice one younger/one older grades. Get them up and moving. All health themes. Main point is making healthy choices. Will get info on facebook and in PTA blast. Parent commented about the pretzel sale. Were happy because they are healthier than ices. Also, Consider other colors possibly because they don't stain, It is a fundraiser so we have to make sure it's cost effective. Many kids do come with money in advance, it sells out....people buy for younger siblings who aren't at salt brook, etc. This indicates that many people are OK with it. Same parent also brought up school cafeteria food. Mrs Drexinger explained that there are many improvements. They are encouraged to take fruits and vegetables. Unfortunately they are often thrown in garbage. Has seen healthier lunches come in from home than in past. There are many healthy options available but they cannot dictate how kids spend money. Mrs Drexinger said that you can put something on their account saying certain items are not allowed. Only allow one snack for younger grades. Flier is sent in August with information about food service, how to put money in account, who to contact etc. Mrs Drexinger tells first graders they need to ask mom and dad about the rules and let them know that parents can see at home what they bought. They are also taught that the money is put in by parents, things aren't free. Mrs Drexinger will think about how she can include more info about what food is available etc. on fliers.

Always a hot lunch, sandwich choice, bagels, cereal, yogurt. Anything being served is under a government program for calories, fat etc. Things are portion controlled,

choices are stricter than at middle and high school. Mrs Drexinger mentioned that if you become too strict with what is offered, they throw a lot away, or kids don't eat. 10. Committee reports- don't have but will put on webpage. Discussed family fun night -hot dog vendor and "the lab". Tiger track running in Sharing network 5K. 11. Open forum, Debbie Merrick asked for support for her neighbor who passed from cancer. Children will be Salt Brook Students starting in fall.

### **May PTA committee updates**

**BOOK SWAP (Loveena Tayal):** scheduled for 4/5th June this year. On the week starting May 27th, children will get the books to school and get tickets in exchange for the swap. . . Based on the experience of the last few years, we may fall short for 5/6th graders to swap books. So if you all can spread the word and help find books for these grades, it will help ensure a successful book swap. We have already posted on the FB groups and have received a few books but we hope to get more for the older kids. We will also be sending out a sign up for volunteers shortly to help us out on 4th and 5th June.

**EARTH WEEK (Erin Skotarczak):** We had a recycled craft contest and 3 winners received a \$10.00 gift card to Strawberry fields. There were about 10 submissions. Free giveaways were handed out on April 24th (walk to school day) and the Saltbrook Tiger was there (Thanks Maureen!). Suggested changes for next year: 1) Advertise the event sooner (2 weeks before spring break) to have more participation, 2) Allow submissions to be made Monday through Friday during Earth week and announce winners on the Monday after Earth week.

**FIELD DAY (Amy Reiling):** Field Day is ready to go 5/31...we are gathering supplies, flavor ice, cups, etc....the "trophies" are made and ready to be displayed in front of the school office, volunteers are booked and the committee

is ready to give the kids a great day on the field. We changed a few stations. Got a great deal on cups so if anyone needs some for an event there will be plenty left over!

**MOTHER/SON BINGO (Geri Fletcher)**: had a total of 426 attendees. 2 cash payments at the door. We stayed under our \$2,000 budget this year. A few proposed changes for next year: 1. Possible online check in. 2. No bags. To save time and money, cards can be handed out once people seated, pens can already be at the table. Change the time(s) of the event to allow for 30 minutes in between for cleanup/reset. All in, it was a good night and everyone enjoyed themselves.

**SIXTH GRADE RESIDENCY (Aimee Singer)**: Holocaust survivor Maud Dahme will be speaking to the class on June 4.

**TIGER TRACK CLUB (Debbie Merrick)**: after 4 weeks, has run combined mileage of 515 miles on their journey to the Grand Canyon! Join The Tiger Track Club team on Sunday, June 2 for the Sharing Network 5K. All from the Salt Brook community are welcome to run as part of our team and/or come cheer on these kids while they showcase their fitness progress while also supporting an important local community cause - Organ and Tissue donation through the Sharing Network! Link to sign-up and or donate! Our Salt Brook - Tiger Track Club goal is to raise \$1000! Direct any questions to [Debbie\\_merrick@hotmail.com](mailto:Debbie_merrick@hotmail.com) or 917-754-6980. LINK: <http://events.njsharingnetwork.org/site/TR/Events/20195K?teamid=2578&pg=team&fr id=1111>

*Salt Brook\** **PTA**

PTA Meeting

Agenda

May 15, 2019 Salt  
Brook Cafeteria, 7:00  
pm

- 1. Call To Order and Flag Salute**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
- 3. Nomination of New Officers**
- 4. Principal's Report**
- 5. Teacher's Representative Report**
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
- 7. Guest Speaker-Erin Halper**
- 8. Guest Speaker - Mrs. Kral**
- 9. Committee Reports - See Handout**
- 10. Open Forum**

**PTA  
MEETING  
MAY 14,  
2019**

**SCHOOL  
SAFETY**

- School Resource Officer - Will be back!
- **New safety** screen project

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**INCOMING KINDERGARTEN / FIRST  
GRADE**

- Incoming Kindergarten regular education enrollment # 47
- Incoming first grade enrollment #97

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**SB 2019-2020 SCHOOL  
GOALS**

Goal 1 - Working collaboratively, the SB staff will explore the Generation Z student with a focus on understanding who they are as learners, what makes them unique, and what is the best way to motivate them. We will **research** and consider

appropriate learning strategies to use within a variety of disciplines to help motivate and educate our Generation Z students.

- Goal 2 - Throughout the 2019 - 2020 school year, teachers will increase

their awareness of social and emotional learning (SEL) competencies and integrate them into the daily classroom and overall school experience.

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### **SUMMER SCHOOL FACILITY PROJECTS**

- Main office counter and file cabinets
- **Install window screens**
  - Student bathroom floors
- Begin replacing classroom countertops, sinks, and faucets
- Replace sidewalks
- Install additional outside lighting

### **THANK YOU'S!**

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Teachers - Art Show and Library Media Bonanza Night

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Vocal Concert, May  
29th
- Field Day, May  
31st
- Wellness Week - June 3rd - June 7th
- Instrumental Concert, June  
5th  
Orchestra Concert, June  
10th
- Family Fun Night, June  
7th  
5th Grade Wax Museum - June  
18th

### Treasurer's Report Salt Brook School PTA

4/30/2019

#### Main Checking Account

#### Deposits/Credits:

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PTAloha Sales PINS Box Tops PayPal transfers Business rewards

5,417.93

35.00 515.40 3,697.78

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Withdrawals/Debits:

Spring Fling Expenses Project Graduation Tiger Track Box Top Expenses

STEM Fair **SHIP Supplies**  
(245,41) (100.00) (358.45)  
(29.46) (215.64)

(12.46) (359.95) (1321 37)

Net Cash Flow  
**8,346.48**

**Fundraising Checking Account**

**Deposits/Credits:**

Sponsor PTAloha Sales  
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500.00 1,400.00 1,900.00

**Withdrawals/Debits:**

**Spring Fling Expenses**  
\$ \$  
(1,878.19) (1,878.19)

**New Cash Flow**

**21.81**

**6th Gr Checking Account**

**Deposits/Credits:**

**Withdrawals/Debits:**

PINS  
(160.00)

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**Net Cash Flow**

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## Wellness Week!

**Monday 6/3 - Friday 6/7** Show off your healthy habits and participate in wellness week's daily themes!

My Plate Monday ... Bring Fruits and Veggies for snack today! *Make your own My Plate!*

Tobacco (and Vaping) Free Tuesday ... Sign the

Pledge to Be Tobacco Free!

Wellness Wednesday ... Walk or Ride your bike to school; Healthy Choices can be Fun!

\*Special Assembly  
Today!\*

Think First! Thursday . . . Think First! for a Safe  
Summer! Be a Health Hero-Dress as a Super  
Hero!

Fit Friday... Give the Running Club a try!