

## **PTA Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday Jan 15th 2pm**

**SB Cafeteria**

- 1. Call to Order and Flag Salute**
- 2. Special Guest: Debbie Merrick- Mental Health Alliance Collaboration through our New Providence Schools**
  - **Municipal Alliance- group funded by the county, LEAD Program, consent 101, Every 15 Minutes (car wreck situation), Save a Life, Project Graduation, 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion dance, parent workshops.**
  - **Mental Health Advocacy and Education Committee- suicide prevention training, mental health collection at NP Library, Morgan's Message at the HS, Mental Health awareness month- poster contest, paint the town green, sidewalk chalk campaign, yard signs and banner in town, cross community planning session to generate a theme.**
  - **Kimberly Anne Wilson Foundation, Overlook Aux. are some of the organizations that support the initiatives put forth by the Mental Health Advocacy and Education Committee.**
  - **February 5- hosting [Screen Agers](#)**
  - **Digital Detox" is in the works, more information to come.**
  - **Workshop coming up with Rachel Hanes- 3/17 for elementary- more information to come, but the plan is to provide childcare/crafts for the event.**

### **3. Principal's Report- Playground Update and Artist Renderings.**

- **Flu, stomach bug going around SB. Recommending students to stay home if not feeling well. Deep cleans in the classrooms/COVID procedures. Please do not send sick kids into school. Thank you to Mrs. Kral for all she is doing.**
- **Thank you to PTA for assistance with Toys for Tots Holiday Drive and Holiday Breakfast and lunch**
- **New playground design- slides, climbing structure, monkey bars- all age appropriate for K-2, games, climbing rope, place to play store/school, estimated cost- 100K, Mrs. Drexinger has written a grant for 70K and will share the outcome when she receives it. Goal is to purchase and install the playground this summer. [View photos here.](#)**
- **Upcoming Standard Testing- online assessment grades 3 and 5, switching from paper and pencil to online. Teachers are getting trained this month. Date is 2/4- letters have been sent out to parents. Test is about an hour long. Results are used for the following purposes: pull out G and T program, admission to Basic Skills, child study team, etc. Scores are looked at if there is a need to see if students are performing in the range of their IQ.**
- **NJSLA – 5/8-5/14. More details to come.**
- **Bond referendum- HVAC- they are using alternate installation plan that will take less time and save money. One has been installed and is working well.**

**Installation will begin on the weekends and there will be less installation over the summer. Set to be up and running next school year.**

- 4. Approval of Minutes - November 2024 Meeting**
- 5. President's Message / Announcements**
  - **Strategic Planning – Feb 4<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Student Art Gallery 1/23**
  - **LINC- soup drive in Feb.**
- 6. Treasurer's Report- our treasurer was not present at the meeting, therefore no report was shared. This information will be shared at the next meeting.**
- 7. Correspondence Report**
- 8. Committee Reports**
  - 1. Sweetheart Dance - January 31st (snow date Feb 7th) , 7-9 pm, Luau theme, \$25 per couple, \$5 each additional child.**
  - 2. Party for a Purpose- March 14th, tickets will go on sale soon, more information to come as the event gets closer.**
  - 3. Stem Fair - March 19th, more information to come.**
- 9. Open Forum**
  - **The Spelling Bee is in need of committee members for the 2025-2026 school year.**