



New Hyde Park Road School PTA



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time **10/19/2023**

File Minutes

1. Call to Order: 7:06 PM
2. Motion made by Najwa Buatti to file the September 21, 2023 meeting minutes. Second by Nancy Blum. Motion approved.
3. Members Present: See attendance book
4. President's Report:
 - a) Please review the Proposed Budget, as we will vote on it tonight.
 - b) School Mate raised \$102.55
 - c) Class parents have been selected; still need some more volunteers for Mrs. Coaker
 1. There is a file with favorite things listed by teachers, aides, special area teachers, and nurse. Document only contains lists of those who submitted.
 2. The file will be available on the website soon under the "backpack" sections. This will be a living document that will be updated as more submissions are sent in.
 - d) We did a regular spirit wear, a special Mustang pride order, and socks. Already met budget at \$972.
5. Superintendent's Report: No Representative
6. Principal's Report: Given by Mrs. Connolly
 - a) October has been busy
 1. Instead of Wellness Week in May, we have been doing a Wellness Theme, monthly. October was themed around safety.
 2. Firefighters came to the school. Thank you for all they did and for their organization of the event.
 3. POP Officers came to speak to 6th grade about social media and cyberbullying
 4. POP Officers will return next week to speak to K-4 about social awareness and stranger danger.
 - b) In November, we will have a focus on health and wellness with a dentist visit at the end of the month.
 - c) Unity Day was 10/18. Buddies worked together and talked about bullying. Each buddy class made a message. Buddies also traced hands and chalked the walk.
 - d) Dr. Robyn and Mrs. Topping did a DASA assembly on 10/13. They presented a video where Mighty shows kids what to do and what not to do at recess.
 1. Recess is an area where kids are forgetting rules for safety.

- e) 5th and 6th graders began their dance program. 6th grade is doing hip hop and 5th grade is doing ballroom dance.
 - f) Ambassadors started working with classes under Mrs. Vaslopes
 - g) Fire Drills and lockdowns are being practiced. First lockdown drill was done this week. The drill went great and the kids did a great job.
 - h) We have partnered with the chief of the NHP Fire Department for fire drills.
 - i) Our orchestra program should commence this week—a letter will be sent home shortly
 - j) Parent-Teacher Conferences are being held next Thursday (10/26) in-person or virtual. Pre-K will be dismissed at 11:45 AM and K-6 will be dismissed at 11:30 AM.
 - k) Red Ribbon Week starts Monday (10/23) and it coincides with healthy choices.
 - 1. Spirit Week schedule was sent home virtually
 - l) Halloween Parade is 10/31 at 10 AM.
 - 1. Letter went home with 2 tickets to enter school grounds
 - 2. The only gate to enter will be on Belmont Avenue
 - 3. Costumes are encouraged, however, no masks, violent content, accessories, or props.
 - 4. Students are asked to arrive at school in costume. They can change after the parade or opt to remain in their costumes for the day.
 - 5. If it rains, the parade will be indoors for students and staff only
 - m) Please be mindful that school is in session on Election Day
 - n) School will be closed Friday 11/10 in observance of Veterans Day
 - o) BLT is 10/20 and they will be collecting socks for those in need
 - p) School store is reopening tomorrow. Kids are collecting Mighty Bucks to spend in the store
 - 1. Need donations for the store. If you have any new and unused small toys or gifts, please consider donating.
 - q) Information went out about new SCOPE program for K-2 and 3-6
 - 1. This program is new to our district
 - 2. Will have additional sessions on Wednesdays
 - r) Lego Club will continue this year
 - s) Rooms is live. It is a new platform to communicate with parents. An email went out.
 - t) Please email family@nhp-gcp.org if you are not receiving emails or if you are having difficulty connecting to rooms.
7. No Virtual Questions
8. Correspondence: Reported by Veronica Comeau
- a) Thank You Cards to PTA from Mrs. Connolly and Mrs. Topping for Buddy Day
9. Treasurers Report: Reported by Chrissy Hinz
- a) Opening Balance for June 2023 was \$26,362.80
 - b) Expenses for June 2023 were \$3,769.91
 - c) Deposits for June 2023 were \$405.50
 - d) Closing Balance for June 2023 was \$22,998.39
 - e) Opening Balance for September 2023 was \$21,240.91
 - f) Expenses for September 2023 were \$5,358.72
 - g) Closing Balance for September 2023 was \$17,173.64

- h) Motion was made by Chrissy Hinz to file the Treasurer's Reports for June and September 2023. The motion was seconded by Sangeeta Nischal. Motion was approved.

10. Old Business:

- a) Buddy Day Hoe-Down—This was a cowboy themed Buddy Day.
 - 1. Did this in September so the students could meet their buddies
 - 2. Mightys welcomed all the students to the event
 - 3. It was a great time
- b) Popcorn Fundraiser—we have already met our goal with 1 day left in the fundraiser.
 - 1. 80% of donations and 50% of sales come back to the PTA for items and events for our students.
- c) Picture Day—October 5th
 - 1. Ran smoothly
 - 2. Every 6th grader had their photo taken
 - 3. Retakes will be in November 16th
- d) Ambassador Shirts
 - 1. Ordered and supplied by the PTA
 - 2. All shirts have been distributed

11. Questions from Virtual Parents:

- a) When can we expect to receive pictures? Pictures will be delivered by mid-November

12. New Business:

- a) Clothing Drive—October 21st rain or shine
 - 1. Clothes will be collected in the teachers' back parking lot on Terrace Avenue
- b) Pumpkin Patch—October 27th
 - 1. No longer need volunteers at 7AM because we found a new vendor
 - 2. Chris Rago is running this event
- c) Red Ribbon Week—October 23rd to October 27th
 - 1. All students received gifts yesterday compliments of the PTA
- d) Picture Retake Day—November 16th
 - 1. Any individual photos can be retaken
 - 2. Send back the pictures except for the class picture if you need a retake
 - 3. Flyer will come home
- e) Budget Vote
 - 1. Motion made by Tina Creado to adopt the PTA Budget for the 2023-2024 school year. Seconded by Chris Rago. Quorum met. In favor: 29, Opposed: 2, Abstained: 1
 - 2. Budget adopted
- f) Thank you to child who walked in Breast Cancer Walk and to Ms. Bruno's class for the poster, from Tina Creado.

13. Standing Committees

- a. Teacher's Report: Reported by Mrs. Hazelton, Special Ed teacher
 - 1. First grade had a wonderful start to the year. They have been reviewing letters with Foundations and reviewing basic skills in math. They are learning about being good citizens and rules and laws in social studies. In reading workshop, they are starting to explore books by learning how to care for books, parts of

books, as well as the roles of authors and illustrators. They are growing as readers and writers.

2. PE is off to a great start! Our 3-6 graders started off with cooperative games, working together through team building activities, and throwing and catching games. Our K-2 students are also working cooperatively and are all set to have a successful year. All the students are looking forward to the annual Halloween obstacles course that will take place next Tuesday. It will be a Spooktacular week as they run, dodge, crawl, and balance through the course.

- b. Membership: <https://nhproadschool.memberhub.store>

Reported by President Cristine Pergola. We are at 215 members. Please encourage staff to join.

- c. Cultural Arts: Reported by Jill McNeely

1. Working on assemblies.
2. It is a long process to get the assemblies approved.
3. Looking at November. Waiting for the Board of Education meeting on 11/6
4. Looking into district-wide assemblies too

- d. 6th Grade Committee: Reported by Karoll.

1. Afterschool sale raised \$233. Currently at \$2,215 total.
2. Sunday, will have a table at the Street Fair
3. Trunk or Treat is 10/27. Admission is \$5 per child
4. There are currently 3 raffles going on
5. Sweatshirts have been designed and flyers will be going out shortly

- e. Spirit Wear: Reported by Chris Rago.

1. Special shirts and socks are going in tomorrow.
2. Raised \$1,301 for spirit wear

- f. Website: www.Newhydeparkroadschoolpta.org.

1. Visit for flyers and copies of the meeting minutes.
2. Future Meetings will be at 7:00 pm. We worked with the village for meeting schedules so everyone can attend.

- g. Facebook: New Hyde Park Road School PTA.

1. Please send Spirit Day photos to Chris Rago by 10AM

- h. Virtual Question: Where can we find the SCOPE flyer? Please check online and the newsletter

- i. Final message from Chris Rago. The pie fundraiser will be coming home soon. This fundraiser will run from 10/30-11/10. Pick up will be from 12-6 on 11/21 at Gourmet Bake Shop.

Approved as presented: _____ Date: _____

Recording Secretary(signature)