



# New Hyde Park Road School PTA



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date/Time**      **9/21/2023**

**File Minutes**

1. Call to Order: 9:09 AM
2. Motion made by Veronica Comeau to file the June 8, 2023 meeting minutes. Second by Chris Rago. Motion approved.
3. Members Present: See attendance book
4. President's Report:
  - a) Welcome Back
  - b) Introduction by NHP Road PTA President Tina Creado of the 2023-2024 board.
  - c) Explanation of virtual and in-person PTA options now. Virtual will be LISTEN ONLY with option to type questions into the chat.
  - d) Raffle basket with 100% proceeds to the PTA.
  - e) Sign Up sheets available for events and activities being organized by the PTA for this school year. Please only sign yourself up. We are always looking for volunteers.
  - f) Membership forms are also available. Thank you to those who have already signed up, and those who signed up at Meet the Teacher night.
  - g) We need help for the Pumpkin Patch to unload the truck at 7am.
  - h) We are in need of translators in Cantonese and Mandarin.
5. Superintendent's Report: No Representative
6. Principal's Report: Given by Mrs. Connolly
  - a) Very excited to be principal this year. Introduction of Mrs. Topping as Assistant Principal
  - b) Mrs. Topping introduces herself. She has been with the district for 18 years. She was a 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Manor Oaks.
  - c) It has been great seeing everyone smiling despite the brutal heatwave. Everyone has been resilient.
  - d) Reminder about arrival and dismissal, along with unloading in the circular driveway.
    1. Good feedback from the community members and staff.
    2. Newsletter about the presentation is online.
  - e) Covid is still around and there are still protocols in place.
    1. Please call Nurse Burger
    2. Remain home from school until child is fever free for 24 hours without medication
    3. Let school know if the child has tested positive for flu, strep, or Covid.
  - f) Buddy Day is Friday

1. Different fun activity for the kids to get to know each other.
  2. The theme is cowboy.
  3. Teachers will be there for the assembly.
  4. Parents will not attend.
- g) Safety: Teaming up with the POP officers and 3 fire officials to ensure everyone's safety.
1. We are excited for the collaboration and to be prepared for an emergency.
- h) Recess: Lunch and recess are a fun time for our kids, but we need them to be safe. Please discuss appropriate behaviors on the playground.
1. We hope to have your help at home. Remind them to follow the rules at home and at school.
  2. We have reviewed some safety tips at school if your child discusses them at home.
  3. We have addressed some things with sixth graders. Conversations are important. They do not mean to, but we asked students to be aware with the language that is culturally acceptable. We have encouraged them to think about the things they say and if they would say them in front of important adults in their lives.
7. Correspondence: Reported by Veronica Comeau
- a) Thank You Cards to PTA from Mrs. Bruno and Mrs. Sheridan
    1. Mrs. Bruno: Thank you to the PTA for welcoming me and for the beautiful graduation flowers
    2. Mrs. Sheridan: Thank you for the Teacher Appreciation Week luncheon.
8. Treasurers Report: Reported by Chrissy Hinz
- a) Opening Balance for July 2023 was \$22,998.39
  - b) Expenses for July and August 2023 were \$1,757.48
  - c) Deposits for July and August 2023 were \$0.00
  - d) Closing Balance for August 2023 was \$21,240.91
  - e) Motion was made by Chrissy Hinz to file the Treasurer's Reports for July and August 2023. The motion was seconded by Kerryann Stagnitta. Motion was approved.
9. Old Business:
- a) Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduations and celebrations of learning
  - b) Buddy Day 2022-2023
  - c) End of Year gifts
  - d) Installation of new board
  - e) Planners were sent out to all students in 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade (folder going out shortly for PK-1<sup>st</sup>)
  - f) Class Parent letters—some, if not all, Class Parent letters should have gone out on Friday. If you have not seen it, please check your child's folder
    1. Class Parents arrange for class parties, coordinate what the teacher allows such as a craft or activity.
10. Questions from Virtual Parents:
- a) When is the Pumpkin Patch? October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## 11. New Business:

- a) Buddy Day is September 22. A vendor that has come to do assemblies before (Game Show) is coming tomorrow to do a Buddy Day Hoe-Down. We tried to make it on theme with Mighty Mustangs. This will be outside from 8:45 am to 9:45 am unless it rains. The kids will be getting to know their new buddies by doing events together. I am sure Mrs. Connolly will provide more information on this.
- b) Popcorn Fundraiser: We will be doing our Popcorn Fundraiser from 10/2 to 10/13. Packets will be going to all and should come home in folder. This one fundraiser gives us the highest return at 50% profit, so any support is appreciated. Also, this year we will offer both ship to school (No shipping fees) and ship to home (You pay shipping). Also, if you do not like popcorn or want popcorn, you can donate money and we get an 80% profit. Any sales/donation via this fundraiser will be greatly appreciated and, as usual, 100% of monies raised goes back into your students via assemblies, gifts, etc.
- c) Picture Day: Everyone gets to take a picture. School gets a copy that goes to the district and nurse. Class picture will be taken that day. If you have a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, yearbook pictures will be taken that day. Retake day and Yearbook group pictures will be taken in November.
- d) Clothing Drive is October 21<sup>st</sup>. The Village Street Fair is the same day. The PTA will be available to receive donations at 8:30 am to 12 pm for those who want to donate. We collect any clean, wearable, unwanted clothing (free of stains and tears). Items accepted are: clothes, paired shoes, handbags, linens, small stuffed animals, small toys (no board games, puzzles, or toys with pieces), also no pillows or blankets please. This will be collected in the back teacher's parking lot on Leonard until 12pm. Every pound collected is money for our school.
- e) Pumpkin Patch-Sign up for volunteers is available. Volunteers are needed in the morning to unload at 7am. You can also sign up to help children pick a pumpkin. If you sign up, you must help all the children at that time. Email PTA President Creado.
- f) Red Ribbon Week- Ordered Mrs. Vaslopes Red Ribbon handouts/tags to give out early, so she is ready for Red Ribbon Week.
- g) Ambassador Shirts-Order submitted to Chris Rago for Mrs. Vaslopes Ambassadors. T-shirts will be paid for by the PTA.

## 12. Standing Committees

- a. Teacher's Report: Reported by Mrs. Hazelton, Special Ed teacher
  1. We will have a great year. Excited to work with our PTA this year. Excited to work with Mrs. Connolly as well, who has always been out there in the trenches with us.
- b. Membership: <https://nhroadschool.memberhub.store>

Reported by President Cristine Pergola. We are at 173 members. Please encourage staff to join.
- c. Cultural Arts: Reported by Hale Elifoglu and Jill McNeely
  1. Working with Mrs. Connolly, Mrs. Topping, and Dr. Robyn to organize reading poetry for PARP week.
  2. We welcome any suggestions. We like to be creative with assemblies.

