



# New Hyde Park Road School PTA



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date/Time**      **11/16/2023**

**File Minutes**

1. Call to Order: 7:04 PM
2. Motion made by Najwa Buatti to file the October 19, 2023 meeting minutes. Second by Cristine Pergola. Motion approved.
3. Members Present: See attendance book
4. President's Report:
  - a) See old and new business reports below
  - b) See committee reports below
  - c) President Creado wishes everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and break.
5. Superintendent's Report: No Representative
6. Principal's Report: Given by Mrs. Connolly and Mrs. Topping
  - a) Security-exterior doors always locked. Main doors only and identification necessary. If you are here for a meeting, you will get lanyard with visitor pass, universal policy across district. There is also a new door monitor, Ms. Angela, in the mornings.
  - b) SCOPE Program-new; large groups. Email went out from Director of Curriculum, Mrs. LaRegina, which included winter SCOPE.
  - c) Student Council started meeting. Thanksgiving food drive ends tomorrow and Toy Drive will run 11/20-12/8.
  - d) Dance program has been successful so far. Fifth grade will perform 11/27 at 2:15pm and sixth grade will perform 11/28. An invite and virtual code will be sent home.
  - e) Library researched dances and created slides. Third grade is beginning Chinese Ribbon Dancing and Fourth grade is beginning Bollywood.
  - f) Recess: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade were spoken to about safety, especially during soccer and basketball.
  - g) Grades 3 through 6 will be invited to the Mighty Clubhouse once a week. This will give 12 students per grade per day the opportunity to go to the library to do activities. This will eventually spread to younger grades.
  - h) On 11/22 there will be an 2:45pm rapid dismissal. Everyone must leave the school grounds, including the playground.
  - i) Winter Holiday concert will be held 12/6 at 7pm with a livestream.
  - j) Lost and found is growing. Tables will be set up at the concert to allow parents the opportunity to look through. Whatever is left will be donated during the Spring clothing drive.
  - k) No PTA Meeting in December. School is in recess from 12/22-1/2. First day back will be 1/3.

- l) Sixth grade trip is not on 6/19-trying to have all four schools tentatively on 5/29. District will be supplying buses.
  - m) Thank you for suggesting Amazon wish list. We are finalizing the list.
  - n) Wellness Week assemblies will include a dentist on 11/30.
7. Correspondence: Reported by Veronica Comeau
- a) Thank You email from the Wong family for the Native American assembly coordinated.
8. Treasurers Report: Reported by Chrissy Hinz
- a) Opening Balance for October 2023 was \$17,173.64
  - b) Expenses for October 2023 were \$4,207.33
  - c) Deposits for October 2023 were \$7,265.44
  - d) Closing Balance for October 2023 was \$20,231.75
  - e) Motion was made by Chrissy Hinz to file the Treasurer's Reports for October 2023. The motion was seconded by KerryAnn Stagnitta. Motion was approved.
9. Old Business:
- a) Poppin Popcorn Fundraiser—Prizes went out to those who set up their accounts.
  - b) Clothing Drive-October 21<sup>st</sup>- We raised \$558.40
  - c) Pumpkin Patch-October 27<sup>th</sup>-This is a giveback to the kids from the PTA. We spent \$2,040 on pumpkins for the kids.
  - d) Picture Day-October 5<sup>th</sup>-Made \$2,558.75
  - e) Red Ribbon Week-October 23<sup>rd</sup>-\$260.95 spent
  - f) Holiday Pie Sale-Made \$263 and customers will be contacted to pick up.
10. New Business:
- a) Picture Retake Day-November 16<sup>th</sup>-Went well; 6<sup>th</sup> grade candid and group shots
  - b) Holiday Plant Sale-Flyer went home. Due 11/22 with pickup on 12/5. Location will be sent to those who order.
  - c) Holiday Boutique-December 8<sup>th</sup>-Set up will be 12/7 at 3pm.
  - d) \$200 Money donation for school store-this is aside from the Amazon wish list.
  - e) Student Council Shirts-ordered as a giveback.
  - f) Staff Breakfast-December 20<sup>th</sup>-this will be during the Kris Kringle.
  - g) Looking to create a "PTA Volleyball Team"-January 16<sup>th</sup>-parents vs. staff; need 8-10 people. Please email tinacreadopta@gmail.com
11. Standing Committees
- a. Teacher's Report: Reported by Mrs. Hazelton, Special Ed teacher
    - 1. Thank you for the pumpkin patch—it is a student favorite.
    - 2. The teachers would also like to thank the PTA for the Native American Dance Assembly last week. It was a great springboard for rich classroom discussions on an important topic.
    - 3. The band students are working hard for our upcoming Winter Holiday Concert. The students are looking forward to their performance.
    - 4. This month in music, we began orchestra lessons for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders.
    - 5. Second grade has been diving into the exciting world of fiction reading and crafting personal narratives. In math, students are adding and regrouping. In social studies, students are studying the realm of economics, including money, taxes, budgets, needs, and wants. Students have also collected leaves for a leaf study.

6. Third grade is busy learning different strategies to multiply and divide. In science, we are finishing up learning about the engineering process and getting ready to start our next unit on forces and motion. In social studies, we just completed our unit on geography. In reading, we are diving into fiction, learning about story elements and analyzing characters. In writing, we have been reflecting on how much we have to be thankful for this season. The children just completed a beautiful piece of thankful writing that they will be sharing with their families. We are not gearing up to start our personal narrative unit of study.

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

Reported by Cristine Pergola, chair. We are at 223 members. Please encourage staff to join.

c. Cultural Arts: Reported by President Credo as chairs were not present

1. Native American Assembly was a big hit
2. Working on more assemblies

d. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee: Reported by KerryAnn.

1. Please email candid to [roadschoolyearbook24@gmail.com](mailto:roadschoolyearbook24@gmail.com)
2. Trunk or Treat raised \$986 plus \$300 for raffles is \$1,286 raised
3. Sweatshirts raised \$563
4. Chocolate fundraiser has been extended
5. Dues are 70%
6. Trip will be May 29<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup> with buses supplied by the district
7. Parents night out and kids' event
8. Setting up a table at winter concert with raffle

e. Spirit Wear: Reported by Chris Rago.

1. \$990 raised on special spirit wear with \$410 on socks; looking for next spirit wear

f. Website: [www.Newhydeparkroadschoolpta.org](http://www.Newhydeparkroadschoolpta.org).

1. Teacher and staff favorites lists are being uploaded.

g. Facebook: New Hyde Park Road School PTA.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 PM

Next Meeting 01/25/2024

Approved as presented: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Recording Secretary(signature)