



New Hyde Park Road School PTA



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time **2/15/2024 (Virtual)**

File Minutes

1. Call to Order: 7:02 PM
2. Motion made by Najwa Buatti to file the November 16, 2023 meeting minutes. Second by Veronica Comeau. Motion approved.
3. Members Present: See attendance book
4. President's Report:
 - a) Apologies for cancellation of January PTA meeting due to illness. Virtual February meeting is being conducted as a replacement meeting.
 - b) There will be an Executive PTA Board Meeting on Saturday to discuss and plan the many upcoming PTA events.
 - c) The PTA made a donation of \$300 to the Sewhanaka Central Council of PTAs for scholarships.
 - d) PARP Week will be March 4th – 8th.
 - e) Save the Date for our next Clothing Drive on April 20th.
 - f) We are seeking to bring Molloy College to a future PTA Meeting to discuss heart health and nutrition with parents to help close the loop on the Wellness Week presentations done for students.
5. Superintendent's Report: No Representative
6. Principal's Report: Given by Mrs. Connolly
 - a) Molloy College presented on Monday to the students. The students learned a lot of information about heart health and stress.
 - b) April PTA Meeting will be virtual. The April PTA Meeting will also include the budget presentation by Dr. Morrison.
 - c) Fire alarms in the school—proud of the students with their response.
 1. Boiler caused evacuation weeks ago. The boilers have been fixed.
 2. Power outage was within the local area, which triggered one ring of the fire alarm. The fire department came and determined the system was operational.
 - d) Parent-Teacher Conferences were last week and went well. Reach out to your child's teachers if you have not had your conference.
 - e) E-Sports has been introduced to grades 4 through 6 and has now ended. The students loved the program. Ms. Laurino, our technology coach, pushed in with E-Sports to teach through gaming.
 - f) Fifth grade will be doing computer-based testing for all NYS tests. In January we conducted a practice test to troubleshoot any areas that may need addressing in the programming.

- g) Outside learning area came in January but has been snowed under.
 - h) We have a location for our gaga pit and are looking at Spring for installation.
 - i) Questions have been coming in about recess. We try to send students outside as long as the temperature is a real feel above 32F. Remember to send your children in with outdoor gear for the colder days.
 - j) Lego League started in January.
 - k) Scope for winter ended yesterday. More programs are coming for Spring, registration is open.
 - l) Volleyball game has been rescheduled for 2/29—please consider donating new hats, gloves, scarves.
 - m) Spirit Week is districtwide this week.
 - n) A note from Ms. Burger—if your child is sick, please keep them home until they are fever free for 24 hours without medicine.
 - o) Multicultural Week will be the week after break. Students were sent home with an index card to draw a flag from where they are from.
 - p) Winter recess is next week. Have a wonderful week off.
 - q) Valentine’s Cards were sent out to Veterans.
 - r) Grades 3 through 6 are all helping in making sandwiches and bagged meals to be delivered to the Mary Brennan Inn. Mary Brennan Inn is a soup kitchen on Long Island. Ms. Margro took the lead on this. Each grade had different responsibilities to help. For example, third graders made bags for the food, and tomorrow the sixth graders will be making the sandwiches.
 - s) Thank you to the Wellness Committee for all the activities. This month is heart health month. Next month we will be doing more on mindfulness.
 - t) Please do not double park at dismissal because it is causing dangerous conditions for pedestrians and drivers.
 - u) *The Little Mermaid* will be the play available this year districtwide for fifth and sixth graders to participate.
7. Correspondence: Reported by Veronica Comeau
- a) Thank You card from Mrs. Connolly for the candle.
 - b) Thank You card from Mrs. Topping for the candle.
 - c) Thank you card from Ms. Burger for gift.
8. Treasurers Report: Reported by Chrissy Hinz
- a) Opening Balance for November 2023 was \$20,231.75
 - b) Expenses for November 2023 were \$2,401.99
 - c) Deposits for November 2023 were \$8,303.15
 - d) Closing Balance for November 2023 was \$26,132.91
 - e) Opening Balance for December 2023 was \$26,132.91
 - f) Expenses for December 2023 were \$5,778.70
 - g) Deposits for December 2023 were \$13, 496.01
 - h) Closing Balance for December 2023 was \$33,850.22
 - i) Opening Balance for January 2024 was \$33, 850.22
 - j) Expenses for January 2024 were \$8,828.44
 - k) Deposits for January 2024 were \$20.00
 - l) Closing Balance for January 2024 was \$25,041.78

- m) Motion was made by Chrissy Hinz to file the Treasurer's Reports for November and December 2023, and January 2024. The motion was seconded by KerryAnn Stagnitta. Motion was approved.
9. Old Business:
- a) Holiday Plant Sale—Raised \$80
 - b) Holiday Boutique—Raised \$2,156.32 (We actually ran out of things to sell and had to send out for more merchandise. Thank you, Cris Pergola for running out).
 - c) Student Council Shirts—PTA spent \$368
 - d) Staff Breakfast—Breakfast was provided to staff on December 20th and was funded by the PTA for \$280.
10. New Business:
- a) Parent-Teacher Volleyball Game—New date is 2/29 (alternate will be 4/4). Please note that we are collecting hats, scarves, and gloves for the BLT. We ask that you bring at least one item as an entrance fee to the volleyball game-1 per family is fine. We seem to need hats and scarves the most.
 - b) Miss Chocolate Fundraiser—Packets went out yesterday. The sale is live. Please support this fundraiser. It will end March 1st.
 - c) Book Fair—March 7th and 8th. If you volunteered, you will be called prior to the sale by the chairs.
 - d) Trip Raffle—to be announced in March.
11. Standing Committees
- a. Teacher's Report: Reported by Mrs. Connolly, principal
 1. Spotlight on 4th grade and STEAM/Coding
 - Fourth grade is busy studying Colonial America. They are also in their plant unit in science, while working on fractions in math.
 - Bollywood presentation was on January 26th where they performed their Bollywood dance moves. Third grade performed today and second grade starts 2/26.
 - In the special classes (Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Warch, and Mrs. Hazelton) have been busy this winter! They have been learning about the states of matter and are having fun conducting experiments in science class. They have also been meeting regularly with their buddies. These meetings correlate with and focus on the district's social-emotional wellness goals.
 - The students are looking forward to helping others in the month of February. They are making Valentine's for Vets and making sandwiches for the Mary Brennan Inn right here on Long Island. The winter months are busy in the classrooms.
 - Project Lead The Way is back with Mr. G. Explorers will continue their journeys into Bio-Medical Studies and Engineering through a problem-based curriculum. From building shoes for unique habitats, like the Amazon jungle, to engineering safety features for vehicles, our students will be immersed in project-based learning.
12. Membership: <https://nhroadschool.memberhub.store>

Reported by Cristine Pergola, chair. We are at 226 members. Please consider joining if you have not already done so.

13. Cultural Arts: Reported by Jill McNeely

1. Alan, a parent in the district, did an engaging and fun assembly for students. Thank you from the students and staff.
2. Next assembly will be an author visit at the end of March. This year it will be a poetry author.
3. Working on a science or nature-based assembly for April.

14. 6th Grade Committee: Reported by KerryAnn.

1. Save the Date for 3/22—Spring Paint Nite.
2. Save the Date for 4/14—Applebee’s pancake breakfast.
3. Afterschool sales will resume as the weather becomes more favorable.
4. Looking to host a car wash, depending on town availability.

15. Spirit Wear: Reported by President Creado.

1. Looking for new designs, but we have already surpassed our anticipated sales.

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

17. Facebook: New Hyde Park Road School PTA.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 PM

Next Meeting 03/07/2024

Approved as presented: _____ Date: _____

Recording Secretary(signature)