



New Hyde Park Road School PTA



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time **3/7/2024**

File Minutes

1. Call to Order: 7:05 PM
2. Motion made by Najwa Buatti to file the February 15, 2024 meeting minutes. Second by KerryAnn Stagnitta. Motion approved.
3. Members Present: See attendance book
4. President's Report:
 - a) Thank you to all in attendance.
 - b) Thank you to all parents and staff who participated in the Parents vs. Staff Volleyball Game. It was a surprisingly evenly matched game and it was a great time.
 1. Thank you to all the supporters who came to cheer for the teams and to those that donated hats, scarves, and gloves. They were all given directly to the BLT Committee.
 - c) Please remember that the school has set up a wish list through an Amazon to stock the school store where students can redeem their Mighty Bucks. You can find the link on the *News on the Ranch* newsletter that gets emailed weekly. Thank you to all who have already purchased items.
 - d) Thank you to Sherry Blattner and Tara Noll for volunteering to co-chair the May Plant and Flower Sale.
 - e) The PTA is looking for two Kindergarten graduation chairs. These chairs would be responsible for the snacks, drinks, and table set up. It is an easy set up. Please reach out to President Creado if you are interested. No experience is needed. *UPDATE* Veronica and Chrissy volunteered to chair Kindergarten.
 - f) Save the Date for the Clothing Drive on April 20th from 8:30am to 12:00pm in the back teacher's lot. If you will be away, please coordinate with Veronica Comeau or Najwa Buatti to drop off prior to that, because they will store it until the morning of the drive.
5. Superintendent's Report: No Representative
6. Principal's Report: Given by Mrs. Connolly and Mrs. Topping
 - a) Multicultural Week was a success.
 1. Wall of flags is almost done and will post a picture once there is a title.
 2. Multicultural week was also integrated into lessons.
 - b) PARP was this week and is concluding with the book fair.
 - c) The Thunderbolt Assembly was a big hit and celebrated inclusivity and diversity.
 - d) Thank you to the participants of the science fair and Congratulations to the 6th Graders who went to Nassau Community to present their submissions.
 - e) Afternoons have been busy with play rehearsals, SCOPE, and Lego League.
 1. The performance of *The Little Mermaid* will be March 22nd at 7pm and the 23rd at 1pm.
 2. Last SCOPE program began yesterday with chess, moviemaking, and cartooning.
 3. Lego League is doing great.
 - f) The 6th grade trip was approved districtwide for May 29th with details to follow.

- g) Flyers went out about a virtual program being given by Nancy Kaplan about Social Responsibility.
 - h) Monday there will be a Board Meeting at NHP Road School at 7pm.
 - i) Next Meeting will be virtual. Prior to this meeting, the BOE will present the budget proposal for next school year. All 4 schools will be present online.
 - j) March 26th report cards will be posted.
 - k) April 8th will be the 5th grade state science test, there is no school April 10th, and the state ELA tests will be administered on April 11th and 12th for grades 3 through 6.
 - l) A statement was issued about the social media concerns raised this week.
 - m) Virtual Question about CoGat test: it is administered to 3rd graders and will be administered next week. It is an IQ test used by the district and helps with placement for enrichment. Letter was sent by Mrs. LaRegina.
 - n) Virtual Question about State Test Results: results are mailed home by the state.
 - o) Mrs. Miranda is present for Pre-K registration. Tomorrow is the deadline. There are 126 spots and 150 applications. There will be a lottery on 3/15.
 - p) Program for financial literacy conducted by Mrs. Margro. She spends 5-6 weeks per grade. She starts in 6th grade and works down.
 - q) An adult financial literacy night is coming soon.
7. Correspondence: Reported by Veronica Comeau
- a) Nothing to report.
8. Treasurers Report: Reported by Chrissy Hinz
- a) Opening Balance for February 2024 was \$25,041.78
 - b) Expenses for February 2024 were \$650.00
 - c) Deposits for February 2024 were \$1.78
 - d) Closing Balance for February 2024 was \$24,393.56
 - e) Motion was made by Chrissy Hinz to file the Treasurer's Reports for February 2024. The motion was seconded by Jill McNeely. Motion was approved.
9. Old Business:
- a) Parent vs. Staff Volleyball Game—The parents won!
 - b) Miss Chocolate Fundraiser—Made a gross total of \$2,307, of which 40% comes back to the school (\$922.80).
10. New Business:
- a) PARP Week—Going well. Readathon prize is \$10 gift card per grade winner.
 - b) Book Fair—Thursday and Friday. Please see flyers sent home, check on information on the e-wallet.
 - c) Trip Raffle—Details to be announced 3/12. Please check your emails for information on this amazing raffle. Awaiting BOE approval, it will be a trip for 4 to somewhere drivable on July 4th weekend. *UPDATE* Drawing will be 4/15 for a trip to Atlantic City.
 - d) Molloy Heart Health Presentation for Parents—there are some scheduling conflicts, waiting for new dates.
11. Standing Committees
- a. Teacher's Report: Reported by Mrs. Connolly, principal
 - 1. Spotlight on 5th grade and Art
 - Fifth grade has completed 2 science labs in preparation for the NYS Science test.
 - In ELA, they are currently working on their Nonfiction Unit in Reading Workshop and also researching topics for Biographies in their Writing Unit.

- In Social Studies, they are currently working on geography. This week is Multicultural Week and the students are excited to share family traditions with their classmates.
- In Art, students have been working hard on a variety of art projects. Here are some highlights:
 - 4th and 6th graders completed a unit in clay. Fourth grade made clay animals and 6th graders chose between making a monster or a cupcake.
 - 5th grade is working on an OP Art drawing (optical illusion) that is so fun to look at.
 - 3rd grade made colorful circular winter scenes that show perspective, and they blended warm or cool colors to paint the sky.
 - 2nd grade is working on observational drawing and learning how to draw a teacup. Once they mastered drawing a teacup, they learned how to make a stack of teacups with fun graphics they would later paint.
 - 1st grade students are working on a flower design inspired by the artwork of Heather Galler.
 - Kindergarten is currently working on a turtle painting based on Yertle the Turtle in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday, which was March 2nd.

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. On 3/21 Dr. Linda Michelle Baron (Poet) will do an assembly. Book orders are due by 3/13. Books are \$10 each, cash only.
2. May 2024 we will have an Earth Day assembly.
3. Hoping for one more assembly before the end of the year.

14. 6th Grade Committee: Reported by KerryAnn.

1. Applebee's Pancake Breakfast on 4/14—flyer went out.
2. Seeking BOE approval for Paint Nite.

15. Spirit Wear: Reported by President Creado.

1. Working on a new shirt design.

16. Website: 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 7:55 PM

Next Meeting 4/11/2024 (virtual)

Approved as presented: _____ Date: _____

Recording Secretary(signature)