



# New Hyde Park Road School PTA



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date/Time**      **4/11/2024**

**File Minutes**

1. Call to Order: 7:02 PM
2. Motion made by Najwa Buatti to file the March 9, 2024 meeting minutes. Second by Chris Rago. Motion approved.
3. Members Present: See attendance book
4. President's Report:
  - a) Thank you to all in attendance for this virtual meeting.
  - b) We initially planned to have Dr. Morrison and Mr. Frank present the budget presentation this evening, but the Budget Presentation will be given districtwide on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Connolly will give more details on this. We ask that all membership for New Hyde Park Road School logs on to the virtual meeting to listen in.
5. Superintendent's Report: No Representative
6. Principal's Report: Given by Mrs. Connolly and Mrs. Topping
  - a) State tests begun this week. Fifth grade science was on Monday and today. Tomorrow is ELA for students in grades 3 through 6. Fifth grade is taking the test on the computer and the other grades are on paper. The math test for grades 3 through 6 are on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - b) Next Tuesday is our Spring Picture Day. Thank you to our PTA for all your support in organizing.
  - c) The last day of the spring session of SCOPE is next week. The kids are having a great time!
  - d) News on the GAGA Pit: there has been a change and Ms. Rudd is now in charge of it and will be using it in the gym with the kids.
  - e) Spring Break Reminder: We have one more week of school and then we are closed from April 22<sup>nd</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - f) If your child is in Chorus, Band, or Orchestra, please make sure that they are practicing at home during the break in preparation for our spring concert, which is the Thursday we come back—May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Letters should have gone home with information about what they need to wear, etc.
    1. There is a slight change this year, as our fourth-grade orchestra students will be showcasing what they have learned so far this year and showcase a song or two. We are happy they are able to join in on the performance.
  - g) Next week is a very busy week:
    1. Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> is the district's Art Show, which is being held at Manor Oaks. It was a big hit last year and we are looking forward to it again.
    2. There is also a Board Meeting on Monday evening at Manor Oaks. Thank you to everyone who came to the March meeting at Road—we had a great time showcasing our wonderful school. Our student council did a fabulous job!
    3. There is an Author's Night from 3pm to 5pm on 4/17 in the Manor Oaks Library. More information will be in the weekend's Family Newsletter.

4. **IMPORTANT:** Meeting next Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> when Dr. Morrison and Mr. Frank will be presenting the budget to all families. I urge you all to join the Zoom Link to get informed about this year's proposed budget.
5. Next Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> is our first Financial Literacy Night. We are very excited and have tons of wonderful presenters. This is an adult only evening as the topics that will be discussed will not be geared for kids. And we are lucky because it is being held here at Road. Please come for this wonderful informational night.
  - h) Lego League—Tuesdays and Thursdays—Teachers should be reaching out about setting up a make-up date for the session that was missed. They will each be finishing up on different days so please make sure you reach out to your child's teacher if you are not sure when the last day is for their group. There is a Lego Night planned for June for all the groups in the district—more info to come.
  - i) Dr. Kaplan hosted three really great parent workshops a few weeks ago about social media responsibility. We were a little surprised by how few parents were able to log in at night but because it was such an important topic and one that is definitely affecting our students more and more, Dr. Kaplan will be coming in person to address the topic with our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in May. We are very excited to have her come and meet with our older students.
  - j) This past Tuesday was our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade dance performance and they did a truly fabulous job! We will be finishing up our year with 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Kindergarten dance.
  - k) We hope all our families who celebrated Easter, Ramadan, and Eid had a great holiday with their family and friends. Happy Passover to all our families who will be observing Passover in the coming weeks.
  - l) Lastly, we would like to remind parents that there is no double parking or blocking driveways on Park and Belmont at dismissal. Please be courteous of the neighbors and do not block the flow of traffic.
7. Correspondence: Reported by Veronica Comeau
  - a) Thank you from Ms. Vulpis and the students of room 211 to the PTA for hosting the book fair and thank you to class parents for the book donation to their classroom.
8. Treasurers Report: Reported by Chrissy Hinz
  - a) Opening Balance for March 2024 was \$24,393.56
  - b) Expenses for March 2024 were \$4,477.31
  - c) Deposits for March 2024 were \$6,942.50
  - d) Closing Balance for March 2024 was \$26,858.75
  - e) Motion was made by Chrissy Hinz to file the Treasurer's Reports for March 2024. The motion was seconded by Veronica Comeau. Motion was approved.
9. Old Business:
  - a) PARP Week—It was a fun Spirit Week. Prizes were given to students who read the most during that week per grade.
  - b) Book Fair—Went smoothly.
10. New Business:
  - a) Nominating Committee—New PTA Board
    1. We are forming a New PTA Executive Board for the 2024-2025 school year. A nominating committee consisting of 3 board members: Claudia Brutus, chair; Veronica Comeau; and Najwa Buatti, in addition to 2 paid members from general membership to be responsible for this task. Any volunteers? Thank you, Chris Rago and Tara Noll.

- b) Trip Raffle—The drawing has been set up for 7pm on April 15<sup>th</sup>. All those who submitted raffle requests, which surprisingly were not many, were notified. You should have received an email with the Google Meet information. If anyone has not received it, please let me know.
- c) Spring Pictures—April 15<sup>th</sup>—Spring photos are only for those who want pictures. There are no class pictures.
- d) Clothing Drive—April 20<sup>th</sup>—We will be in the back teacher’s parking lot on Terrace Blvd between 8:30am and 12:00pm. Two people are collecting clothes ahead of time for anyone going away. Please enter into group chat if you need to set up an early drop-off.
- e) Teacher Appreciation Luncheon—Was planned for May 8<sup>th</sup> but the date has been moved to May 10<sup>th</sup> due to state testing.
- f) Plant Sale—May 10<sup>th</sup>—Flyer was sent home.
- g) Pre-K and Kindergarten Planting—May 14<sup>th</sup>—midday (assembly in the AM)
- h) Family Feud Game Show—Free for All—May 31<sup>st</sup>—free for all students and parents. More information to come out soon.
- i) Molloy Heart Health Presentation—Next Year—Due to scheduling conflicts and Molloy students graduating in May, we need to postpone until the next school year.

11. Standing Committees

a. Teacher’s Report: Reported by Mrs. Hazelton

1. Spotlight on 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

- In ELA, they were preparing for the state tests and next week will begin working their poetry unit.
- In Writing, they have been researching and drafting argumentative essays.
- In Social Studies, they just completed their Medieval Times social roles journals.
- In Science, they are exploring gravity, magnetism, and friction through hands-on activities.
- In Math, they have begun a full curriculum review of all concepts taught this year in preparation for they NYS Math tests in May and for the beginning of 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- They are looking forward to their trip to the high school on April 18<sup>th</sup> for orientation and a tour.

12. Membership: <https://nhproadschool.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. Mid-May 2024 we will have a Science and Nature assembly.
2. Scheduling the kids’ game show for end of May.

14. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee: Reported by KerryAnn.

1. Paint Nite was last Friday—We had a great turn out and raised \$576 for the grade. Thank for all who attended.
2. This Sunday is Applebee’s Pancake Fundraiser. Tickets will be sold at the door.
3. Two chairs have been selected for the Class of 2025. Chris Rago and Karoll Giambrone. To those who volunteered to chair events, I will make sure to give your slips to the new chairs.

15. Spirit Wear: Reported by Chris Rago.
  1. Just ordered the crew neck sweatshirts. Hoping they are in before break. Raised \$232. Thank you to all who purchased.
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
18. Please attend the next meeting to vote for the new slate. We need to meet a quorum for the vote to be counted.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:34 PM

Next Meeting 5/23/2024

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Recording Secretary(signature)