



# New Hyde Park Road School PTA



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date/Time**      **5/23/2024**

**File Minutes**

1. Call to Order: 7:08 PM
2. Motion made by Najwa Buatti to file the April 11, 2024 meeting minutes. Second by Chris Rago. Motion approved.
3. Members Present: See attendance book
4. President's Report: (Reported by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Ana Claudia Brutus)
  - a) Thank you to all in attendance tonight, there is only one meeting left this school year on June 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - b) We are currently doing preparations for graduations and celebrations of learning.
5. Superintendent's Report: No Representative
6. Principal's Report: Given by Mrs. Connolly
  - a) Hard to believe there is only one PTA meeting left this school year.
  - b) Teacher's Appreciation Week was a big success.
  - c) For the Spring Concert, we were the first school to perform only 2 days after Spring Break. It was a wonderful performance by all! The students did great!
  - d) State testing went well. We were the only school that did not do field testing.
  - e) Fifth grade did computer-based testing this year.
  - f) PTA Plant Sale had unfortunate weather but went very well in the gym.
  - g) Field Day got great feedback from families. Safety was a priority and went smoothly with the ticket system. It was very nice to have in May especially with the beautiful weather. The high schoolers also gave great feedback. We are looking forward to the same trend for next year in May with the high school helpers.
  - h) Junior Achievement Day was last week—this was new this year.
    1. High schoolers visited classrooms and discussed financial literacy.
    2. The kids enjoyed the presentations and discussions. We received great feedback from the teachers as well. Teachers remained in the room during the presentations and discussions.
  - i) Thank you to the PTA for the Roxie Munro Cultural Arts Assembly. We also had a beautiful piece of art donated by her.
  - j) Fifth and sixth grades had a social media assembly by Lamar Lee from Nancy Kaplan's office. He flew in from Florida to present to them in person. He discussed the importance of being cautious behind the screen.
  - k) The budget vote passed. As for the student vote, the students chose ice pops for June that will be donated by the PTA.
  - l) The 6<sup>th</sup> grade will go on their senior trip to Crestwood next Wednesday.
  - m) 5<sup>th</sup> grade has a trip to the Nassau Art Museum in June.
  - n) Lego League event is on Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> to showcase the students' work. More information to be sent home.
  - o) BiLiteracy had over 110 entrants this year. An awards ceremony will be held in school on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

- p) Grade 1 will perform their dance showcase next week. Kindergarten started their dance program.
  - q) The graduation and celebration of learning ceremonies are being held the following dates: 6<sup>th</sup> grade on 6/13, kindergarten on 6/14, and pre-k on 6/18.
  - r) Staff vs. 6<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball game will be on 6/5.
  - s) No School on 6/17 nor 6/19.
  - t) Family Fitness Fun Night will also be 6/18 from 5pm to 7pm by the Wellness Committee. Parents and students are invited. There will be a DJ, Zumba, and a few other things.
  - u) Some of the Special Education students from our school will be participating at the Empire State games on 5/31.
  - v) SAFETY ISSUE: Aside from parents being asked not to double park or make U-turns during arrival and dismissal, there are also concerns about vehicles turning down the wrong way on Park Avenue.
7. Correspondence: Reported by Veronica Comeau
- a) Thank you from Mrs. Vulpis to the PTA for the Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon.
8. Treasurers Report: Reported by Chrissy Hinz
- a) Opening Balance for April 2024 was \$26,858.75
  - b) Expenses for April 2024 were \$5,797.01
  - c) Deposits for April 2024 were \$1,689.66
  - d) Closing Balance for April 2024 was \$22,751.40
  - e) Motion was made by Chrissy Hinz to file the Treasurer's Reports for April 2024. The motion was seconded by Gail Siegel. Motion was approved.
9. Old Business:
- a) Trip Raffle—Thank you Chrissy Hinz for donating the incredible trip. Congratulations to Alan for winning the raffle.
  - b) Spring Pictures—Reported by Chris Rago—the pictures had really nice backgrounds. Everyone who ordered should have received their orders. The total raised was \$642.20
  - c) Clothing Drive—Collected 2,758lbs and raised \$551.60
  - d) Teacher Appreciation Luncheon—Hosted on May 10<sup>th</sup> with food catered from Previtti Pizza
  - e) Plant Sale—raised \$731. Thank you to Tara Noll-Socha, Sherry Blattner, and Chris Rago.
  - f) Pre-K and Kindergarten Planting—5/14 Thank you to Tara Noll-Socha for her help with the students and thank you to the Rago family for digging the holes and helping plant.
10. New Business:
- a) Nominating Committee—Vote 2024-2025 PTA Executive Board
    - 1. New Slate was emailed and read aloud. Asked those in attendance if anyone wanted to run for a position. No one volunteered to run for a position on the board.
    - 2. Voting to accept the slate as presented at last meeting—Quorum met; Motion approved (Aye=16, Nay=0, Abstain=0).
  - b) Family Feud Game Show—May 31<sup>st</sup>—Free for all to attend. There will also be a free TV raffle for all who attend.
  - c) Sixth Grade Moving Up Ceremony will be June 13<sup>th</sup>. Letters will come home with tickets.
  - d) Kindergarten Graduation will be June 14<sup>th</sup>. Letters will come home with tickets.
  - e) Pre-K Graduation will be June 18<sup>th</sup>. Letters will come home with tickets.
  - f) DJ for Wellness Week Event June 18<sup>th</sup>—Donated by the PTA. Will be there from 5pm to 7pm.

- g) Bagel Breakfast for Sixth Grade—6/14. Also, yearbooks and all grade gifts will be distributed.
- h) Installation will be June 5<sup>th</sup>—please attend as we install the new PTA Executive Board.
11. Standing Committees
- a. Teacher's Report: Reported by Mrs. Hazelton
1. Spotlight on Kindergarten, Library, and Music
- Library classes have been deep into digital storytelling this month. From 6<sup>th</sup> graders telling the stories of their best New Hyde Park Road School memories using Book Creator, to 4<sup>th</sup> graders using Storyboard That to create a visual and narrative image of themselves. In addition, kindergartners have been enjoying read aloud stories that use Novel Effects soundscapes. All grades are connecting technology to the art of storytelling.
  - Kindergarten has been learning to identify numbers up to 100. They are currently learning about shapes and measurements. They have also completed their plant unit. They enjoyed watching their plants grow from seeds to plants. Now they are learning about caterpillars and butterflies. Kindergarten is also getting ready for their moving up day ceremony and dance production. So many fun and exciting things. The best part of this time of year is that we have learned to read so many words and are getting ready for first grade.
  - The teachers would also like to thank the PTA for the Roxie Munro assembly and the ice pops on Field Day. And thank you for the delicious lunch for Teacher Appreciation Week.
12. Membership: <https://nhproadschool.memberhub.store>  
Reported by Cristine Pergola, chair. We are at 227 members. Please consider joining if you have not already done so.
13. Cultural Arts: Reported by Jill McNeely
1. We had the Roxie Munro assembly on 5/13. She is an author/illustrator and taught the students about all the different ecosystems on the planet, in addition to all the animals that live in each one using her original artwork. The assembly was done in the auditorium with the blinds drawn so the artwork and vibrant colors really popped. The students had the opportunity to ask questions and there was an abundance of enthusiastic questions/comments/engagement.
2. Next and final assembly for this school year will be 5/28 and it will be the return of the game show we did last year but it will have new games. The kids loved it last year so this seemed the perfect choice to wrap up the year on a fun note. This is the same company that will be providing the Family Feud family game show on 5/31.
14. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee: Reported by Chris Rago from Karoll.
1. June 1<sup>st</sup> will be the car wash behind the bank on Lakeville Road.
2. May 29<sup>th</sup> will be the district sixth grade trip to Crestwood.
3. All 6<sup>th</sup> graders received shirts
4. New chairs for next year will be Chris Rago and Karoll.
5. A lot of information is being sent home; please stay on the lookout.
15. Spirit Wear: Reported by Chris Rago.
1. Raised \$232 in sweatshirts. 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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:51 PM

Next Meeting 6/5/2024

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

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Recording Secretary(signature)