

## H.W. Mountz PTA Minutes

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

8:43 a.m. Call to Order

### **Recording Secretary's Report**

Mrs. Snyder reported that the August 16, 2016 minutes have been submitted and reviewed. A MOTION was made to approve the minutes, motion seconded and APPROVED by all.

### **Corresponding Secretary's Report**

Mrs. Snyder read the thank you note received from the H.W. Mountz teachers and staff for the back to school breakfast sponsored by the PTA.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Marzullo reported that the Checking account balance is \$96,604.03 and the Savings account balance is \$4498.15 as of 9/20/16.

### **New Business**

#### 2016-17 Budget Discussion

- Mrs. Flaherty provided an overview of the 2016-17 school year budget and changes made to the budget for the current school year. A copy of the budget distributed to all.
- A discussion took place regarding Staff Appreciation \$50 gift cards.
- Mrs. Mawn raised a question regarding the overall budget.
- Comments made regarding the staff Christmas gifts.

A MOTION was made to eliminate the staff Christmas gift and continue with the \$50 gift cards for Teacher Appreciation Week, motion seconded and APPROVED by all.

- Mrs. Rehill raised a question regarding the Holiday sale; viewed as an expense when in reality it was PTA income in 2015-16. Clarification given.

A MOTION was made to approve the PTA 2016-17 budget, motion seconded and APPROVED by all.

#### Kitchen Tour Updates and Planning

- 970 tickets have been sold to date.
- Advertisers
  - 30 confirmed, estimating 7-10k in profit.
  - An e-blast will be sent to the Mountz community asking for ads.
  - Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Rehill provided an overview of ads already submitted.
- Volunteers
  - Mrs. Marcello provided an overview of how the process unfolds for volunteering the day of the KT.
  - Mrs. Walsifer asked for a sign-up sheet to be provided in the Main Office for staff.
  - Question was raised regarding volunteers at the train station.
  - Question was raised regarding the use of the trolley.
  - Volunteers are needed to disseminate balloons in town early morning of the KT.

### **Mrs. Walsifer's Report**

- The Virtual Learning Lab is ready for use and expected to be unveiled to students in the near future.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Strategic Planning Meeting will take place tonight; breaking into action plans
- Patriots Day (9/11) was well-received by students and culminated in a buddy activity.
- The district received very positive PARCC and NJASK scores.
- STEAM will be embedded into the 3-8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum and will run in conjunction with the virtual learning lab.
- Questions were raised regarding accessibility and user-friendliness of the school website.

### **BOE Update (Mrs. Valori)**

- Mrs. Valori commented on the upcoming Strategic Planning Committee meeting.
- Parents may still volunteer to be a part of action plans.
- Question was raised regarding how often the SPC meets.
- Dr. Boccuti provided an overview of tonight's meeting.

### **Committee Updates**

#### Beach Day

- A huge thank you to Ms. Marie Reed for chairing this event! A wonderful time was had by all. Thank you also to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders for selling soft drinks.

#### Enrichment

- Mrs. Lin will open up 8-9 enrichments for registration in the near future.
- Enrichments will run M-W-Th and sign-ups will be online through Eventbrite.

#### Membership

- PTA membership is \$5pp and \$10 per family. All Mountz families and staff are encouraged to sign up.

#### Giving Tree

- Still in need of a volunteer(s) to run this in late November/early December.

A question was raised asking Dr. Boccuti to detail the specifics of the Strategic Planning Team's action teams.

### **Announcements**

- Next PTA Meeting is **Tuesday**, October 18, 8:40am

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Submitted by: Emily Snyder, Recording Secretary