PLAZA PTA

Minutes of General Meeting

October 1, 2015

PRESENT: A. Adams, K. Albrecht, J. Alomia, J. Alomia, D. Amato-McCoy, K. Anderson, L. Antonetti, F. Brown, S. Bruno, A. Buckman, M. Caamano, C. Carney, W. Castillo, N. Clennon, C. Cocums, L. Collins, J. Croshere, C. Dehler, E. de la Fuente, C. DeLuca, C. Desravines, E. Dollard, G. Donchance, D. Duryea, C. Eckler, O. Estevez, S. Fisher, A. Fullone, N. Gilbert, D. Gioe, N. Grogan, C. Hall-Grant, S. Heuser, M. Hilburger, T. Hurley, M. Ilardi, K. Khan, E. Kirchner, K. Klemme, C. Labadie, C. Laurore, K. Leonardo, K. Lozada, T. Mark, D. McKeon, L. Morris, E. Notarstefano, S. Ramdass, M. Ricafrente-Biazon, N. Rogers, J. Saisnarayan-Ramdass, E. Sandberg, O. Singh, R. Singh, V. Sookdeo, D. Taveras, A. Vera, D. Zingale

**CALL TO ORDER: Doris McKeon**

Meeting was called to order at 7:06pm. Pledge of Allegiance, emergency procedures, no smoking, cell phones on vibrate. Parking rules and driving precautions.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Doris McKeon**

Class Parents meeting. Thanks to Shani Bruno and Karen Wunsch and all the parents who are volunteering. Send a letter to everyone, anyone can contribute to parties, activities, etc. Vicmarie is accepting PTA. Thank you to Doli for organizing. And all parents who helped her. Excker for Bus Drill. Three times/school year. Bus behavior and in case of an accident. Eckler for coupon book sale. Send in payment. Founders February 11, 2016. Nedd a committee of thre oVicmarie, DeLuca, Miki Hilburger. Minutes from last meeting. Minutes accepted.

BEA sent home flyer for ext meeting October 5th. A way to have your voice heard district wide.

Nassau Region PTA workshops two times/year. Anyone Oct 20th at Freeport HS. PTA pays for you to go. 7-9:30. One hour workshop. Workshops for PARP, budgets, social media, substance abuse, etc.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mark Gray**

Thank you for coming out. Pre-storm. Discussed at PTA Council. Nomi Rosen. Will spend eighteen Tuesdays Raph Smallberg television scientist. Inter-curricular activities. 2nd and 4th grade classes, in their unit on rocks, buying large quantity of rocks, 2nd grade looking a sun dail. A school garden. David Pleasant. October 20th with 4th and 5th graders. Mr. Nadien K-2 children with BAsh the Trash. Spring concert. $72,000 non-competitive grant. Digital cameras for Team ORCHID and Student Council can put together a school newspaper.

District website and smart phone app. Both customizable.

Fullone: How to do it. MG: Baldwin Schools and it came right up.

Looming bus strike. Not a lot of information out. Still don't know what's going to happen. If there is a bus strike (Plaza, Meadow, and Middle School) putting a contingency plan together.

Competing bus companies won't cross the picket line. With have to get to school in another way.

Lost our Fall Festival this Saturday.

Question: Parent: Will school allow little Betwee 8 ad 8:30. Main goal is for parents to get their kids here. Breakfast Club starts at 8:15, but staff here at 8. Aids are offered overtime for before and after school.

**TEACHER'S REPORT: Reading Teachers present**

Ms. Beck and Dr. Barone:

Physical Education: Reminder. Most prepared. Sweatpants, shorts, or leggings. Have been staying inside. Shorts and short-sleeved shirt. Working on K-2 following directions, spatial awareness, games. 3-5 Cooperative games. Finished football, mov Oct 22nd Family Game Night 7-8pm. Both parents; it's a lot of fun. Will start Fall Festival games

1st grade: readers and writers. Family, community, and leaders. Addition. Getting ready for subtraction. Empty folders

Reading: push-in and pull-out. working with classroom teachers. Initiative by Mr. Gray and Dr. Camhi. Reaching many more students.

3rd grade: wonderful tart. character traits. New vocabulary words adn integrating them into their writing. Sharing covers of their writers notebooks. Being narrative writing. Math rounding and addition. Numbers up to 1,000. World communities.

5th grade: so many parents came to KYSN. New units. Science solar system. Social studies US govt. Place value, multiplication, and expressions. Mystery or Science Fiction book. Empty homework folder and read all notices.

Mr. Greer: Because third and fourth grade brought back, will again take students into

Music Festival. Reinstated trip to Adventureland May 20th. NY Philharmonic Jan 21st. Need lots of parent chaperones.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Vicmarie Sookdeo**

Checked and approved by Christina Eckler on August 31st. The budget was projected onto screen, hard copies were available, and it is currently posted on the Plaza PTA website.

DeLuca motion to accept. Doli seconded. There were no questions regarding the budget. It was passed by the majority.

Christina Eckler, Alicia Fallone, Christine Carney--audit

Nomiating ocmmittee for next year: Danielle Gioe, Karen Wunsch, Dana Zingale

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

Andrea Vera:

Silvana

Christina Eckler: October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Danielle Gioe: Dec 18th HOliday Boutique

Doli:

Shani:

New pictures up on the board

**COMMITTEE OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

**Vimare: Over 20 vendors, food, games, please come next Saturday**

**Atlant October 24th at 2pm. Anmials, haunted hous**

**hritin deLeuca Friends of Music: Oct 17th BHS Hmecoming and Band Day 6-8th grades performing at half time.**

**Apparel at half price since the name has changed.**

**"Anything Goes" is the High School play this year**

**Questions: Can we pay for that online. PayPal and type in search bar "Baldwin Friends of Music and Arts"**

**November 5th Chineses Auction at 7pm. Help with gift baskets for raffle.**

**Julie Croshere: Holiday Breakfast. Saturday, December 5th. 10-noon. Need help with set up, serve food. Sheets are going around.**

**Andrea Vera: Fifth Grade Events. Thank you for car war. October 15th next meeting.**

**Banking Committee: Send in bank book and deposit. Will get you the yellow card. Can see Karen Wunsch with any questions**

**{icture day is next Friday. Only day fifth grade can do. Can accept money up to that day. Can pay online.**

**Only need to sell 40 more coupon books to reach our goal.**

**Committee Reports:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW business:**

M. Gray: Maria Hartigan is our new Reading teacher for special education

D. McKeon: Someone asked if we have SEPTA. Please see district calendar for information.

Expense forms & tax exemption forms are on table should you need either.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by PTA Recording Secretary Shani Bruno on September 4, 2015.*