

**DELANCO PTO  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2016 MEETING**

7:32p.m. meeting was called to order by President Ruth Esposito. There were 13 members in attendance.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Jaime Nucifora presented the December Meeting Minutes for circulation to the members. Minutes are also available on DelancoPTO.org under "News". The attendance sheet was also circulated

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Tracey Hamlin presented the Treasurer's report for circulation to the members. The balance as of today is \$15,975.13. The \$4,222 yearbook deposit was just made, and we recently received \$880 from the Box Tops.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Yearbook:** Suzanne Iwanicki. Go to [www.community.lifetouch.com](http://www.community.lifetouch.com), code WQKYEP. The website lists us as Walnut Street School, but the yearbook encompasses both schools. Anything after Easter of 2015 can be added. Room reps should try to take group pictures at all class parties and events. We will charge \$17 per yearbook, which is just about what we are charged. No pictures have been uploaded to the site yet this year. Field Day, Green & White Week, school trips, and Spring Musical from last year can be included in this year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Spring Fundraiser Ideas:** We will definitely be doing Mixed Bags. All members voted to also do Gertrude Hawk at the same time. Joe Corbi's wants to come bake pizzas for our Bingo Night to introduce their different pizzas and to redeem themselves because we lost interest after our last fundraiser with them. There will be sample slices available at in the foyer before Bingo, they are not providing a full meal. We are waiting for confirmation from Corbi's that they will definitely be at our Bingo Night. Our February meeting will be held after Bingo and we can discuss and decide if we want to do Corbi's later this Spring. The Nature's Vision catalog also looks interesting and offers 40% profit of sales. Catalog includes \$10 jewelry, earth friendly shirts, beach towels, flower/plant bulbs, candles, etc. This is possible if we decide against Corbi's.

**Reading for Education:** Booklets came home today. We receive \$5.50 for each completed booklet, even if there are no purchases, and an extra \$350 for a total of 60 completed booklets. Please fill out your booklets and return them to school by 1/15/16. No purchase necessary! If you do get 2 purchases, student gets 3D Spongebob T-shirt. Kids get a prize for

bringing in completed booklets. There is a drawing for 1 winner of a Joe Bot.

**Chick-fil-a Spirit Night:** is this Wed, 1/13/16, 5-8pm. The class with the largest percentage participation will receive a Munchkin party. The flyer is only 1 coupon instead of 2, but it has the students' homerooms written. You can give more than 1 flyer so all your kids' homerooms will get credit.

**Turtle Show with Steve Woyce:** Tues, 1/26 at Delanco Library, \$2/person, 6pm OR 7pm. Flyers are coming home Thursday. Only 43 tickets are available for each show. He is bringing live turtles. This program is for K-5.

**Bingo Night:** Friday, 2/5, 7pm, \$2/person. 2/12 snow date has been reserved.

**Skating Party:** Sun, 3/22, 5:15-7:15pm, Holiday Skating Center. There will be a coloring contest held again, and the face painters will be there.

**Trenton Thunder:** Tues, 4/12, 7pm, \$11/person, kids eat free, students sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during 7<sup>th</sup> inning stretch. It is a school night, but you can leave after the song.

**Other:** 1/25 spring Box Tops flyer will come home. Box Tops are due back to school by 2/19 so they can be submitted to the company by 3/1. Pearson may have Lego Store gift card added as a prize instead of iTunes.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Mr. Mersinger:** Thanks to the PTO for everything. We had chorus, band, winter concerts and winter break for December. Talent Show interest forms were sent out 1/4 and are due back on 1/15. A meeting will be held 1/19 with all rules and instructions for the talent show. Gauging interest first. Only 4 forms in WSS have been received so far, but more interest has been shown from 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. 8<sup>th</sup> grade had orientation in Riverside on 1/5, some are signed up for other high schools but everyone got to see Riverside and they were pleasantly surprised. There was a PARCC presentation at last board meeting. The Board was reorganized, 3 members voted back in and 1 new member, and Phil Jenkins has been re-elected as president and Ken Adams as vice president. 1/18 closed for MLK. 1/19 talent show meeting during school. 1/22 end of marking period. 1/29 report cards sent home, official talent show forms due in. Thanks to Ruth for bringing up the Star Test at the BOE meeting. Flyers will be sent home explaining what this is to parents. It is just a gauge to see how kids are doing. It does not determine teacher evaluations, but it does reflect on Mr. Mersinger. This test started about 3 years ago. All computerized, and graduates to higher

levels if answered correctly, or stays the same or lower if answered incorrectly so students don't get frustrated. Star data is almost instantaneous and therefore very helpful. PARCC results took months to come back. Star test is used for goal setting and individual student support. The test is given in Fall, Winter & Spring. This is a standardized test that is very valuable immediately.

**Mr. Conti:** 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are very interested in talent show. Some comedy acts will be featured. Thank you to Stephanie Weller for chairing the talent show. Read Across America is coming up and there will be events for that week. The PTO will be willing to donate for events. 1/22 is an Officer Phil assembly for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades. Students are getting back into routine after winter break. Thank you to all the PTO volunteers.

**Delanco Library:** flyers are available for January-March activities. The delancolibrary.org website is always kept current.

Allison Donnelly sent a thank you to the PTO for our holiday donations - \$500 Target gift card to help out the local families in need.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 1/11-15** Reading for Education fundraiser
- 1/13** Chickfila Spirit Night, 5-8pm, Delran location
- 1/26** Library Night with Steve Woyce – “Turtles”, 6pm & 7pm
- 2/5** Bingo Night, 7pm
- 3/22** Skating Party, 5:15-7:15pm, Holiday Skating Center
- 4/21** Trenton Thunder Game, 7pm

The next PTO Meeting is Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Pearson Conference Room.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Wendy Flanigan and second by Shane Lilliston.

A motion to approve the Secretary's report was made by Tracey Hamlin and second by Kristin Atkinson.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tara Chernay and second by Tracey Hamlin.

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