

**DELANCO PTO
MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2015 MEETING**

7:32 p.m. meeting was called to order by President Ruth Esposito. There were 12 members in attendance.

Introductions: by Ruth Esposito

Secretary's Report: Secretary Jaime Nucifora presented the December Secretary's Report for circulation to the members. It was noted that the extra amount received from Reading for Education if 50 booklets are turned in is \$200, not \$250.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tracey Hamlin presented the Treasurer's report for circulation to the members. The balance as of today is \$14,127.65.

OLD BUSINESS

Yearbook: Suzanne Iwanicki did not attend. Go to www.community.lifetouch.com, code IEYRPD to upload pictures for the yearbook. You can upload 5 photos at a time. Yearbooks will be \$17 each. Deadline to upload photos to be included in this year's yearbook is April 2nd. Camera photos are better than smartphone shots. A 5th Grade yearbook committee was suggested in order to get more photos around the school. It was also suggested that parents could volunteer to come into school to take photos at certain events.

Spiritwear: Orders were distributed, and all items are still available for purchase, sizes Youth Medium to Adult XXL. Order flyers are on our website. T-shirts, sweatshirts, pants, shorts, hats and umbrellas are available. All inventory has already been paid for out of the PTO account.

Breakfast with Santa: Jaime Nucifora, chairperson. It was a successful event. Thank you to everyone who helped out. We did not make a profit, but Santa donated his \$50 back to the Pearson Fund.

Little Shoppers' Shop: Chairpeople Ruth Esposito and Liz Rottinger. It's a Small World sent the merchandise used for the Shop. We sold over \$1,900, which included 2 days during school hours, and during Breakfast with Santa. During Breakfast, we also used merchandise that was bought last year for the Shop. A suggestion for next year is to include ages on the children's money envelope for the people for whom they are buying gifts to make it easier on the adult volunteers. Parents liked having the Shop during school. The PTO donated \$500 plus the \$50 donated back from Santa, for a total of \$550 in a Target giftcard for the Pearson Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Reading for Education: We will receive \$5.50 for each completed booklet and an extra \$200 for 50 completed booklets. Runs 1/12-16. No purchase necessary, just send in completed booklets with addresses. If student receives 2 subscriptions from their booklet, they will receive a free T-shirt. The grand prize is a blow up robot. If an order is placed from one of the postcards with a sticker on it, the child will receive a Webkins.

Chick-fil-a Spirit Night: Wed, 1/14, 5-8pm, class with highest participation percentage will receive a Dunkin Donuts munchkin party. Flyers were sent home today.

Magic of Science Night: with Steve Woyce, Tuesday, 1/27, Delanco Library, \$2 per person. Flyers are going home this week, and are also available at this meeting. This program is aimed to excite kids for science, and include some magic. The program will be 45 minutes and include a snack, and there will also be prize drawings. There are only 43 tickets available for each session, so it may sell out fast. If the program is a hit, we may ask him to return for a program at Walnut Street.

Carnival: The carnival has been canceled due to scheduling conflicts for 3 out of 4 of the PTO Board members. We will need at least 10 adult volunteers if we are to reschedule.

Skating Party: Sunday, 3/22, 5:15-7:15pm, Holiday Skating, with a coloring contest.

Trenton Thunder: Tuesday, 4/21, \$11 tickets, kids eat free and sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during 7th inning stretch.

Bingo: Scheduled for Friday, 3/6, 7:00pm

Spring Fundraiser: Mix Bags has been recommended for a different Spring fundraiser. They are durable, vinyl bags made from recycled material. We receive 50% of all sales. The spring catalog will include bright and floral designs for spring, along with designs for boys and girls, bags in all sizes. Fundraiser will possibly run from 2/27 through 3/16, but may be held later.

Other New Business: Kristin Atkinson continues to research for designer purse bingo/ladies' night out. She has discovered that some organizations are charging \$30 to \$40 per ticket for their purse bingo events. She is currently researching possible locations.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mersinger: Happy New Year to all. The School Board held their reorganization meeting. Rose Gonteski was elected/appointed to the board. Mr. Bryski is President, Mr. Jenkins is Vice-President. The Student of the Month characteristic was Caring and Compassion. Photos of the students from both schools together were taken this month. The Board has gone paperless, which saves money, is greener for the environment, and technologically advanced. The meeting was positive, smooth and quick.

Officer Phil will be at Pearson on 1/16, along with a rep from the Delanco Police. Schools are closed 1/19 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. A PARCC Parent Night will be held at Pearson on 2/5 from 7:00 to 8:30pm for parents of 3rd through 8th graders. Kids are not to attend this meeting. On 2/6, the school will undergo a QSAC survey, which is completed every 3 years. January's Student of the Month characteristic is Self-Discipline.

In the event of snow or ice, Mr. Mersinger will have conference calls with other area superintendents to determine if a delay or closure is in order. Parents will be notified by a call through the Blackboard Connect system.

There was recently a complaint that the bus was dropping students off at Pearson too early and they were unsupervised. This complaint was investigated, changes were made, and Mr. Mersinger has received positive feedback since the changes were implemented.

Delanco Library: Chair Yoga is scheduled for Thursday; Not that Kind of Bookclub is on 1/20; a personal trainer is coming in on 1/29. Blind Date with a Book is featuring titles by authors who recently passed away. The Library is adding many events, and calendars are sent home through school. The PTO will donate a portion of the cost for Bookmates – retirees who wish to read to school children, but need to be fingerprinted before being allowed in the school. The cost per volunteer fingerprinting is \$78.

2015 is an election year for the PTO Board. Ruth is interested in a co-presidency if anyone is interested. In addition, Liz Rottinger will not be running this year. Elections will be held in May, so please encourage parents to think about running for a Board position.

Upcoming Events:

1/12-16 Reading for Education Fundraiser – please return completed booklets
1/14 Chick-fil-a Spirit Night, 5-8pm, Delran
1/27 “Magic of Science”, Delanco Library, 6:00pm or 7:30pm
2/5 PARCC Parent Night, Pearson All Purpose Room, 7:00-8:30pm

2/9 PTO Meeting, 7:30pm, Pearson Conference Room
3/22 Skating Party, 5:15-7:15pm, Holiday Skating
4/21 Trenton Thunder Game

The next PTO Meeting is Monday, February 9, 2015 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 Kristin Atkinson.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Liz Rottinger and second by Laura Vanard.

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