

**DELANCO PTO
MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2015 MEETING**

7:32 p.m. meeting was called to order by President Ruth Esposito. There were 10 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Jaime Nucifora presented the February Secretary's Report for circulation to the members. Minutes are also available on DelancoPTO.org under "News".

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tracey Hamlin presented the Treasurer's report for circulation to the members. The balance as of today is \$14,279.40. The spring fundraiser, Trenton Thunder tickets, and yearbooks have already been paid. We still need to pay for most of the class trips and the \$900 donation for the 8th Grade Dance.

OLD BUSINESS

Yearbook: Suzanne Iwanicki. 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 March 30th. Camera photos are better than smartphone shots.

Please remember to take pictures of the school play and Kindergarten and 1st Grade class trips and upload by March 30th.

Spiritwear: All items are still available for purchase, sizes Youth Medium to Adult XXL. T-shirts, sweatshirts, pants, shorts, hats and umbrellas are available in our shed. Flyers are online.

Chick-fil-a Spirit Night: was 2/25 and we raised \$435.52. 2-Schroff won the munchkins party. We have 1 more this year coming up in April.

Box Tops: Kristin Atkinson/Nika Corbett. 4-Reutter and 8-G (Morgan) won pretzel parties. We made approximately \$600. Winners will be drawn and announced tomorrow.

Spring Fundraiser: Liz Rottinger. We brought in \$6,795, with a profit of \$3,389.50. There were 61 orders, 456 items. Online orders totaled \$80.00, of which we earned a 40% profit. Delivery is approximately 3 weeks from date of payment, so we should receive the orders around 3/26. We will distribute orders in the gym foyer. The 8th grade participation was impressive. There were no mistakes on the order forms, and submitting the order online was easy. Liz submitted the order online with no assistance. Top sellers were Joshua Simon (1-Smith) with \$525; Madison Garton (6-W) with \$308, Helena Easton (3-Nestor), Jose Mateau (8-W), Mackenzie Nastasi (4-Reutter), and Mya Coleman (6-W).

NEW BUSINESS

Bingo: Scheduled for Friday, 3/13, 7:00pm, Pearson All-Purpose Room. A sign-up sheet was circulated. Middle schoolers or anyone else in need of volunteer hours are also needed to help. Ms. Mack will be calling the numbers. Middle school volunteers should arrive around 6:45 and will receive large Hershey bars. Adult volunteers should arrive around 6:00. Order forms and money are due by Wednesday.

Skating Party: Sunday, 3/22, 5:15-7:15pm, Holiday Skating. We need parent volunteers or older teens needing volunteer hours to keep an eye on all the rooms. Order forms will come home Friday and must be in by next Wednesday. There will be a coloring contest. The PTO is looking into paying for walkers for the younger students.

Trenton Thunder: Tuesday, 4/21, 7:15pm, \$11 tickets, kids eat free and sing “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” during 7th inning stretch. Ticket holders may also attend the earlier game with guest Nascar drivers.

A Small World Gift Shop: Ruth will be sending an email asking if there will be enough volunteers during school hours to assist with gift shop before she signs contract for next year.

PTO Elections: This is an election year for the PTO Board. Liz Rottinger will not be running. The remaining 3 board members are in our first term and may run for the second and final term if no one else is interested. If anyone is interested in running for the PTO Board, please contact election liaison Liz Rottinger. Elections will be held at the May meeting. Ruth is interested in a co-Presidency to transition someone into the position – Ruth will train the co-President for the first year of the term, so the co-President can effectively take over for the second year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mersinger: WSS will be holding a Student Government meeting soon. He is very proud of Pearson’s participation in Read Across America and Jump Rope for Heart. Thank you to our maintenance department for all the snow removal. The WSS Jazz Band enjoyed the Rowan Jazz Fest. Mr. Mersinger, Mrs. Harper, and Mr. Stockton attended the Riverside High School National Honor Society inductions, and 3 out of the 7 students inducted were from Delanco. The 8th grade went to RHS for orientation, even though some of the students will be attending BCIT or Holy Cross.

WSS has a monthly “Fun Friday”. Participation is based on a points system, and there is usually only one or 2 students who are unable to participate. The Impact Club is collecting for Pennies for Patients, and has also done food and

jacket collections. Student Government participation is only open to members of the Impact Club.

We have now used 4 snow days, so we will be required to make up 1 day. The original calendar states that the make-up day will be on Friday, April 10th. However, they are also exploring holding the make-up day on either Friday, April 3rd, or Friday, June 19th. Mr. Mersinger will discuss with the Board and the Board will approve the final decision.

Interims were sent home 3/4/15. PARCC testing for 3rd and 6th grades was partially administered the week of 3/2, but the testing missed for snow delays and closings will be administered the week of 3/23. Fourth and 7th grades are testing this week; and 5th and 8th grades are testing the week of 3/16.

3/30 through 4/1 are parent/teacher conferences and will be early dismissal days for students. 4/3 through 4/12 is Spring Break, pending the make-up snow day decision by the Board. 4/27-5/22 will be different portions of PARCC testing. The protocol for refusing will be redistributed.

Students have been asking about bringing back the Talent Show. After much discussion, it was decided that the PTO will collaborate with the teachers and administration to bring the Talent Show back for January or February 2016. We were unable to schedule it for this school year.

WSS Fun Friday is 3/27; Spring Musical is 4/1; Band & Chorus Concert is 4/23; the final middle school dance for the year will be 4/24, and the current 5th graders are invited to attend; and 8th Grade Dance is 6/5.

Ms. Mack: Thank you for all the inside tips, comments, and suggestions last month. Thanks for the PTO support in Read Across America, and in paying for the ice cream parties for the door decorating contest – the theme was Endangered Species. Two classes tied for first place and will be getting the ice cream party. 5-S read the most minutes and will get to name the Siberian Tiger that Pearson is adopting. And thank you for the PARCC survey responses received after the last meeting.

Kristin Atkinson brought it to Ms. Mack's attention that a dog broke away from its owner and attacked another dog on school property at pick-up earlier in the day. No animals are permitted on school grounds. There may have been a sign stating that, but there are several signs on school grounds that are washed out and no longer legible.

Delanco Library: There were 36 participants in the Library's Read Across America Bingo contest. The PTO will be donating to pay for a pizza lunch for all Pearson participants.

Upcoming Events:

- 3/13** Bingo, 7pm, Pearson All-Purpose Room
- 3/22** Skating Party, 5:15-7:15pm, Holiday Skating
- 4/1** Spring Musical
- 4/21** Trenton Thunder Game
- 4/23** Spring Band & Chorus Concert
- 4/24** Middle School Dance
- 4/29** Chick-fil-a Spirit Night, 5-8pm

The next PTO Meeting is Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Pearson Conference Room.

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

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Liz Rottinger and second by Kristin Atkinson.

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