

**DELANCO PTO  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 MEETING**

7:34 p.m. meeting was called to order by Ruth Esposito. There were 19 members in attendance. We had a moment of silence for the victims of 9/11. The Board introduced themselves to the new members.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Jaime Nucifora presented the May Meeting Minutes for circulation to the members. Minutes are also available on DelancoPTO.org under "News". The attendance and contact sheets were also circulated, and sign-up sheets for various events are on the front table.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Tracey Hamlin presented the Treasurer's report for circulation to the members. The balance as of today is \$1,532.78

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Summer Events:** Over the summer, the PTO sponsored a Library Program with Steve Woyce. Meet & Greet at Pearson on 8/22 to meet new staff and have water ice. K & 6 orientations went well, a great turn out for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Welcome Back baskets for teachers, thanks to Kristin Atkinson.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Save Around:** Tracy Easton. \$25 per book, due by 9/23. We went with Save Around this year instead of Kids Stuff. We earn \$12.50 on each book. We raise approximately \$2,000 with this fundraiser. Coupons are available to be used immediately until next December. You can sell books from other locations. Tracy's email address was on the PTO newsletter if anyone has questions.

**Welcome Back Letters/Magnets:** Thanks to Tracey Hamlin for sending the welcome letters and magnets.

**PTO Membership:** Ruth Esposito sent membership forms home today. Room reps must be members of the PTO. Send it in by 9/30 for class credit to win ice cream sundae parties for the highest percentage of members. You can sign up anyone, \$3 per person.

**Back to School Nights:** Pearson's is Tuesday, 9/20 and Walnut's is Wednesday, 9/21, both at 7pm. We need at least 2 people at the PTO table each night to collect for membership and with the Gifts N Things samples.

**Fall Fundraiser:** with Gifts N Things will begin Friday, 9/23. This has a good variety of items. Sample items and catalogs will be available at Back to School Nights.

**Back to School Bingo:** will be Friday, 9/30 at 7pm. There is a sign up sheet to help, and we need about 6 WSMS student helpers. Thanks to Erin Provenzano and Traci Granate for chairing this event.

**Scholastic Book Fair:** will be Monday, 9/26 through Friday, 9/30. There is a sign up sheet to assist during school hours. Flyers will be sent home with an overview of some of the books available. Miss Lipinski runs the book fair and asks the PTO to assist. This event earns books for the school library.

**Box Tops:** Kristin Atkinson & Nika Corbett. Info will come home next week with an early November due date for the fall contest. There is a new app to download to earn Box Tops by scanning your receipt and it will add credit for the Box Tops to Delanco's account. There will be a drawing for prizes. Every 10 Box Tops earns a chance to win. There will also be a spring contest.

**Yearbook:** Suzanne Iwanicki will be overseeing our yearbook again this year. Everyone can submit pictures to the website to be included in the yearbook. The school takes pictures, but the majority of the pictures come from the PTO. Get group shots, parties, Halloween Parade, events. We will have the code at the October or November meeting, and all pictures will be due around Easter. You can also include pictures from the end of the previous school year, like class trips, Pearson Field Day, etc.

**Spiritwear:** Our old Spiritwear items will be available at Delanco Community Day, Saturday, 10/15, 11am-3pm at the firehouse. There will be big discounts, although sizes are limited at this point. Sherry Layman will be chairing the new spiritwear orders this year. We're looking into green tie-dye sweatshirts, charcoal gray. Order forms will come home and the spiritwear will arrive before the holidays. Tracy Easton will have samples at the October meeting.

**Delanco 5K:** is Saturday, 10/22, 9am sponsored by the Delanco Women's Civic Club. The DWCC supports the PTO, so we like to support them. There is a Facebook page for "Delanco Women's Civic Club". The registration forms are also on the Residents of Delanco Facebook page. Students can enter for \$5 and a canned good for the food bank.

**Holiday Auction:** Wendy Flanigan & Cathryn Plum. We need donations from local businesses and PTO member donations. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. The Auction will be December 2, 6:00pm. The 350 tickets sell out fast, get your order forms in quickly. Each grade has a theme to donate, and the PTO donates items to make baskets. At the October meeting, there will be sign-up sheets for donations and for contacting local businesses for donations, in addition to the sign-up sheets to help with the basket assembly, snack bag assembly, and selling tickets during the auction.

**JDRF Walk:** There will be an assembly next week & the walk is Friday 9/30. Martianne Rich runs the event and we raised a lot of money for a small school. Information will come home after the assembly.

**PTO Elections:** Please let anyone on the PTO Board know if you are interested. We need new Board members because 3 of the 4 current board members will not be re-running for any of the positions.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Mr. Mersinger:** Thank you to everyone for being here and to the PTO for all the contributions. We had a great kick off for the year. Mr. Mersinger has been tweeting pictures and information. You can sign up for Twitter to receive these posts. WSMS will now have their newspaper on Facebook. We will continue to have the Blackboard Connect and paper notifications.

**Mr. Conti:** Very smooth opening. First couple weeks in the elementary school is forming routines. We have some new staff members. Looking forward to another great year and a lot of fun events (except for the running events).

We're looking for computer savvy volunteers to take over the PTO website.

**Delanco Library:** There are calendars for September and October, and bookmarks with the hours available on the front table. There is also a Delanco Public Library Facebook page.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**9/20 Pearson Back to School Night, 7:00pm**  
**9/21 Walnut Street Back to School Night, 7:00pm**  
**9/23 WSMS Welcome Back Dance, 7-9pm**  
**9/23-10/11 Fall Fundraiser**  
**9/26-9/30 Scholastic Book Fair, Pearson**  
**9/30 Bingo & Sundae Night**  
**10/5 Chick-fil-a Spirit Night, 5-8pm**  
**10/30 Fall Skating Party, 5:15-7:15pm, \$5/person**

The next PTO Meeting will be Monday, October 3, 2016 at 7:30pm in the Pearson All Purpose Room.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's & Secretary's reports was made by Cathryn Plum and second by Wendy Flanigan.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sherry Layman and second by Wendy Flanigan.

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