

**DELANCO PTO
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 MEETING**

7:30 p.m. meeting was called to order by President Ruth Esposito. There were 23 members in attendance. The PTO Board introduced themselves

Secretary's Report: Secretary Jaime Nucifora presented the May Secretary's Report for circulation to the members. Minutes are also available on DelancoPTO.org under "News". The attendance and contact info sheets were also circulated

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tracey Hamlin presented the Treasurer's report for circulation to the members. The balance as of today is \$926.52. We already paid for the first assembly held at both schools – anti-bullying with Mr. Omega.

OLD BUSINESS

Meet & Greet: Ruth Esposito. The PTO provided water ice and pretzels to welcome Mr. Conti.

K & 6th Orientation: Kristin Estello, Liz Rottinger, & Anne O'Malley. The PTO provided snacks, everything went well, and we plan to have 6th grade orientation again.

Welcome Back Breakfast for Teachers: Liz Rottinger & Ruth Esposito. The PTO provided a Chick-fil-a breakfast with Dunkin Donuts coffee to the teachers for their first day back. They all love and appreciated it.

Target Program: We currently have 43 participants, and received \$309.14 in February 2015, and a total of \$4,774.15 over the life of the program. However, Target is discontinuing this program.

Other: None.

NEW BUSINESS

KidStuff Books: Tracy Easton sent all books home in labeled bags. We make \$12.50 from every \$25 book sold. Please return the books if you are not buying.

Welcome Back Letters/Magnets: Tracey Hamlin sent home magnets and letter through school. Everyone loved our school logo on the magnet, which also includes the calendar and important phone numbers.

PTO Membership: Ruth Esposito sent home the membership forms on bright pink paper. 100% of the proceeds stay in our school. You must be a PTO member in order to be a room representative. The cost is \$3.00 per member, you can

sign up any and all family, and the 3 classes with the top participation (by percentage) win ice cream parties.

Back to School Nights: Pearson's is 9/15 and WSS is 9/17. We need at least 2 people each night for the PTO table to do membership and Fall Fundraiser display. Having the 2 sessions at Pearson last year was well received and will be repeated this year. Locations of the special subject teachers will be announced. Tracey Hamlin and Liz Rottinger will man the PTO table at Pearson, and Kristin Atkinson needs a volunteer to help her at WSS.

Fall Fundraiser: Liz Rottinger. We are using Gifts N Things and it will begin on Friday, 9/25. Pearson kick-off. There will be a food insert in addition to kitchen items, gifts, etc. We make 40% on all sales. The classes will have incentives to participate. Room reps can encourage their other class parents to participate.

Back to School Bingo/Sundae Night: for K-5th will be Friday 9/25. Sign up sheets are here for volunteers. We also need 6 WSS student volunteers. Mr. Conti is calling the numbers. Every child gets a door prize, in addition to any prizes for getting Bingo.

Book Fair: will run from 9/28 to 10/2. Sign up sheets are here for volunteers to assist during school hours. We have the class schedule and you can sign up to help during your child's class time. The PTO are the only volunteers to assist with the Book Fair.

Box Tops: Kristin Atkinson & Nika Corbett. Sheets will come home sometime in October for our fall contest. Every 10 box tops will enter 1 chance for you to win one of the variety of gift cards.

Room Reps: A blue form was sent home to sign up for room representatives. We have the option to have rotating reps with one main rep, in order to split class parties.

Yearbooks: Suzanne Iwanicki. Room reps and teachers can take photos and upload them online for the yearbook. We will have the code next month for uploading.

Spiritwear: is available on the Delanco PTO website and will also be available at Delanco Community Day, Saturday, 10/10. The prices have just been dropped, and the new prices will be available on the website soon. Ruth Esposito also sold spiritwear at DYSA's fall sports opening day and made over \$500.

Other: The Delanco 5K will be held on 10/24. The Delanco Women's Civic Club donates a portion of their proceeds to the PTO and also to the Delanco Runners' Club. Check-in for the 5K begins at 8:00am and the run starts at 9:00am. Awards ceremony will follow in Gateway Park.

Mr. Mount is looking for donations of musical instruments for students who cannot afford to rent or buy their own. He would like to have enough instruments to provide to every child who wants to take lessons. If anyone has an instrument not being used, please consider donating to the school's music program.

Charmaine Anderson suggested the PTO hosting a Demo/Ladies' Night for anyone in town who runs a small business. We are considering this event for January.

Dave Kern, a parent of an 8th grader, suggested having a basketball tournament fundraiser, or in the alternative, having a "Books v. Badges" fundraiser where we hold a basketball game between the teachers, and Delanco's police, firefighters, EMS, and/or local holders of political offices. The PTO could earn money on ticket sales, food sales, 50/50, half court shot 50/50, and sell spiritwear. Or the proceeds could go to the 8th grade for their dance and class trip. This was a popular idea, and Sue Hoffman offered to work with Dave Kern to make this event happen, possibly for January or March.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mersinger: Welcome. Thanks to the PTO for everything, including the 9/1 in-service breakfast, and the \$8,000 given to the teachers for their wish list items. Beginning in October, Students of the Month will be honored at the monthly Board of Education meetings. The kids loved the Mr. Omega assembly, and the middle schoolers were even talking about it at Vinny's after school. Both Back to School Nights are this week. Parents will follow a modified schedule similar to their child's schedule at WSS. There is a middle school dance this Friday.

Mr. Conti: Thank you for all the support and a warm welcome. Pearson had a smooth opening. Drills will begin later this week. Mr. Omega was a big hit, his motto is "Be a dream maker, not a dream breaker." Pearson Back to School Night will be tomorrow night. Thank you to the PTO for everything.

Delanco Library: Games Galore flyer sent home – kids will learn to play old fashioned board games, and this program will be held on Mondays for 4th through 8th graders. In October, there will be an art display for Delanco Artisans.

Upcoming Events:

9/15 Pearson Back to School Night, 7pm
9/17 WSS Back to School Night, 7pm
9/18 WSS Back to School Dance
9/25 Fall Fundraiser Kick Off
9/25 Back to School Bingo/Sundae Night, 7pm
9/29-10/3 Scholastic Book Fair, Pearson

The next PTO Meeting is Monday, October 5, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Pearson Conference Room.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Renee Cirillo and second by Tracy Grenate.

A motion to approve the Secretary's report was made by Sherry Layman and second by Sue Hoffman.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sue Hoffman and second by Sherry Layman.

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