

**DELANCO PTO
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2016 MEETING**

7:32p.m. meeting was called to order by Ruth Esposito. There were 29 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Jaime Nucifora presented the September 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 \$3,070.56.

OLD BUSINESS

Save Around: Tracy Easton. We've sold 163 books, for a profit of \$2,037.50, there are still books out that need to either be returned or paid for.

PTO Membership: Congratulations to the winning classes – 4-B, 5-S, and 8-G!

Scholastic Book Fair: Thank you to Liz Rottinger, Marissa Braun, Jaime Wisniewski, Brandi Mochernuk, Jess Klein, Wendy Flanigan, Tara Chernay, Ruth Esposito, Kerri Upton, Kristin Atkinson, Jennifer Deering, Shane Lilliston, and Cecil Danser for volunteering.

Back to School Nights: Thank you to Tracey Hamlin and Jenn Clarke for manning the table at Pearson, and to Brandi Mochernuk for manning the table at WSS.

Back to School Bingo: Thanks to Erin Provenzano and Traci Granate for chairing, and to Kristin Atkinson, Cathryn Plum, Dawn Clauss, Jennifer Niver, the WSS middle schoolers, and Mr. Conti for helping.

NEW BUSINESS

Chickfila Spirit Night: will be this Wednesday, October 5th, 5-8pm. Flyers were emailed today and will be sent home with students. 20% of sales come to us, or if sales are over \$1,500 we get 25%. The cow will be at Pearson after school on Wed.

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. Order forms will come home and the spiritwear will arrive before the holidays.

Box Tops: Kristin Atkinson & Nika Corbett. Flyers have gone home and are due back by 10/21. We will email the forms and post them on our website. Rebecca is overseeing our website and will post the Box Top forms soon.

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. The PTO will also donate spiritwear for the prizes at the end of the race.

Fall Skating: will be Sunday, 10/30, 5:15-7:15pm at Holiday. Face painters will be there. It is \$5 per person, which includes entry, pizza, and drink, and an additional \$3 for skates. The PTO will pay for walkers.

Halloween: Mr. Conti. This will run very similar to last year, and flyers will come home soon with details and times for the parade and parties. It is a half day for both schools.

Fall Fundraiser: with Gifts N Things – all orders and money are due 10/11. Pick up will be Tuesday, 11/15 in the Pearson Gym Foyer, 3-4 and 5-7pm. Please sign up to help.

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. Cathryn sent around 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. 11/29, 6pm basket assembly. 12/1, 1:30pm snack bag assembly. 12/2, 9am auction set up. And 12/2, 5:30pm, about 22 people for the event.

Little Shoppers/Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, 12/10. Shoppers Thurs & Fri, 12/8-9 during school. Friday night set up. We need someone to take over this event after this year or this will be the last year we have it.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mersinger: We've had a great start to the school year. Casey Noble, director of curriculum, is also here. We have 97 Twitter followers now after 1 month. This is the Week of Respect, with assemblies tomorrow organized by Allison Donnelly. To address the email earlier today about a few threats to the District -- we only involve the police when there is a very serious issue. We've had this happen three times at the middle school. Parents would be notified if there were an evacuation or lock down. But rumors of possible threats made by teenagers/middle schoolers will only be investigated. If something serious is said, the police will look into it because we can't take any chances. If there is a threat or emergency, please report it immediately, not days later. We do not have a resource officer for the school, but we have a direct line to our DARE officer Eric Hoffman, and to Chief Jesse DeSanto. We also have police presence during drop off and pick up times.

Mr. Conti: It has been a great start to the school year. Had a lot of fun calling Bingo. JDRF walk was last Friday, 2 grades at a time in the gym since it was raining. This is the Week of Respect. I am very fortunate to work in this District.

Delanco Library: DelancoLibrary.org, and they're on Facebook and Twitter.

Upcoming Events:

- 10/5 Chick-fil-a Spirit Night, 5-8pm**
- 10/7-10 Schools Closed**
- 10/15 Delanco Community Day/Fall Fest, 11am-3pm, Delanco Fire Station**
- 10/21 Box Tops Contest Ends**
- 10/22 Delanco 5K, 8am registration, 9am race (Gateway Park)**
- 10/28 WSMS Halloween Dance 7-9pm**
- 10/30 Fall Skating Party, 5:15-7:15pm, \$5/person**
- 10/31 Half day and Pearson Halloween Parties**
- 11/15 Fall Fundraiser Pick up, Pearson Gym Foyer, 3-4 & 5-77pm**

The next PTO Meeting will be Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:30pm in the Pearson Conference Room.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cathryn Plum and second by Wendy Flanigan.

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