

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

7:30p.m. meeting was called to order by President Ruth Esposito. There were 19 members in attendance. It was noted that Mr. Mersinger and the 7<sup>th</sup> Graders were attending the Township Meeting this evening.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Jaime Nucifora presented the October Meeting Minutes for circulation to the members. Minutes are also available on DelancoPTO.org under "News". The attendance sheet was also circulated

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Tracey Hamlin presented the Treasurer's report for circulation to the members. The balance as of today is \$12,070.89. Some trips, assemblies, and the Kidstuff books have already been paid.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Chick-fil-a Spirit Night:** total sales equaled \$1,959.39, giving the PTO \$490. K-Weller won a Munchkin Party for highest participation. Chick-fil-a advised they have never had a group reach \$2,000, so the Delanco PTO wants to reach the \$2,000 mark on January's Chick-fil-a Spirit Night.

**Fall Skating:** Ruth Esposito. We sold 188 tickets. The face painters were a big hit again. The Conti and Mersinger Families attended. Rachel Esposito won the counting jar, guessing the exact amount!

**Fall Fundraiser:** K-Weller and K-LaVergne won ice cream parties for 50% participation. Delivery is Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in the Pearson Gym Foyer, 3-4 and 5-7pm. Sign up sheet is available; please sign up for individual time slot. Individual winners of a flying Angry Bird are: Giovanna McManus 5-S; Cameron Lilliston K-W; Colin Flack K-L; Vidalia Forbes 5-D; Kaylee Archer K-M; and Noah Mushinski K-L. Sales totaled over \$8,000, and the PTO made over \$4,000.

**Box Tops:** Kristin Atkinson & Nika Corbett. 2-Wallace and 8W-Gentile won soft pretzel parties for highest participation. Individual winners are being chosen in school tomorrow. We made \$848.00. Thank you to Wendy Flanigan and Jaime Wisniewski for helping count out the Box Tops. Please go online and enter contests on behalf of our schools.

**Other:** The Delanco Women's Civic Club 5K has a great turn out. There were 121 runners, including a lot of kids.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Fall Fundraiser:** Delivery is Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in the Pearson Gym Foyer, 3-4 and 5-7pm. Sign up sheet is available; please sign up for individual time slot.

**Holiday Auction:** will be Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6pm. Wendy Flanigan will be shadowing Liz Rottinger and will take over when Liz steps down next year. Sign up sheet is available for volunteers. Basket Making is Tuesday, 12/1, 6-9pm with dinner provided. Snack bag assembly is Thursday, 12/3 at 1:30pm. Auction set up begins at 9:00am on 12/4. Volunteers should arrive to the WSS gym between 5:15-5:30 in order to buy and distribute your own tickets, and then take your positions before the doors open at 6:00pm. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets at individual tables, sell 50/50, attend to the snack room, and to take tickets at the door. Room reps no longer have to bake cookies; donations of \$5 gift cards to be auctioned off are requested instead. Snack bags will contain soft pretzels and Famous Amos cookies. A sign up sheet to donate to the PTO-sponsored baskets was passed around. A sign up to take letters to local business was sent around. This is the only time the PTO solicits businesses. Each room rep should send a reminder home asking for the class donations. In addition, room reps should send in their donations in order to bring attention to them in the classroom to the teachers and other students. The top 3 classes will receive McDonalds parties. The teachers donate many gift cards and assist the night of the Auction with passing out baskets. We also give away 100 door prizes. Ticket order forms will be sent home next Monday.

**Breakfast with Santa/Little Shoppers:** will be Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 9-11am. Sign up sheet is available. Santa has confirmed he will be there. We'll need some middle school helpers. Little Shoppers will also be held in school on 12/10-11. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be hosting a bake sale and selling personalized Santa hats and stockings in the hallway this year. Next year (2016) will be my last year and I am looking for someone to shadow me in 2016 so they can take over in 2017. We will also need volunteers to help with the Little Shoppers' Shop during the school day on 12/10-11.

**Yearbook:** Suzanne Iwanicki. Go to [www.community.lifetouch.com](http://www.community.lifetouch.com), code WQKYEP. The website lists us as Walnut Street School, but the yearbook encompasses both schools. Anything after Easter of 2015 can be added. Room reps should try to take group pictures at all class parties and events.

**Trenton Thunder:** will be Tuesday, April 12, 2016. A \$441 deposit has been sent. Students will sing during the 7<sup>th</sup> Inning Stretch. This is the first game of the season, and it is held on a school night.

**Other:** Connie Brady has been appointed the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance chairperson. We will be promoting the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade fundraising events in our monthly PTO News.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Mr. Mersinger:** was attending the Township Meeting with the 7<sup>th</sup> Graders.

**Mr. Conti:** thanks the PTO for all of our participation. On 10/23, Miss Donnelly and Mrs. Zacher arranged a Koman pink day at school. The Conti Family enjoyed the 10/18 Skating Party, and Mrs. Conti has already booked the face painters for a birthday party. The field hockey season ended with a 3-3-4 record. Everyone enjoyed all the Halloween activities at Pearson and the WSS dance. The Junior Achievement Program began on 11/4. Wednesday is Veterans' Day, students are encouraged to wear red, white and blue. The BOE meeting is also Wednesday night. Thursday is Thankful Thursday for the staff. Last Tuesday they held trivia, and tomorrow will be an 80s theme. Report cards will be issued on Friday. 11/20-25 are early dismissals. Both schools will have picture retakes on 11/24. And WSS will hold their Fun Friday on 11/25.

Mrs. Barbara was in attendance, and thanked the PTO for all their support, funding, and the morale.

**Delanco Library:** There is a flyer available with November events. There is an after school program "Games Galore". The Third Annual Ugly Sweater Party will be held on 11/20. The Delanco Library is 150 years old and is being honored at the Township Meeting tonight. They are also selling calendars as a fundraiser, and need historical Delanco photos to be included in the calendar. They will be holding a fundraiser at 5 Below 12/15-24. Visit [delancolibrary.org](http://delancolibrary.org).

### **Upcoming Events:**

**11/17** Fall Fund Raiser Pick Up, Pearson Gym Foyer, 3-7pm  
**12/4** Holiday Auction, WSS Auditorium, 6pm  
**12/12** Breakfast with Santa; Little Shoppers' Shop, 9-11am  
**1/26** Library Night with Steve Woyce – "Turtles"

The next PTO Meeting is Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Pearson Conference Room. This is our Holiday Gift Exchange. Please bring a wrapped \$10-15 gift as well as an appetizer/dessert.

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

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kristin Atkinson and second by Tracey Hamlin.

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