

**DELANCO PTO
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2014 MEETING**

7:30 p.m. meeting was called to order by President Ruth Esposito. There were 13 members in attendance.

Claire's Gourmet Presentation with samples

Introductions: by Ruth Esposito

Secretary's Report: Secretary Jaime Nucifora presented the November Secretary's Report for circulation to the members.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tracey Hamlin presented the Treasurer's report for circulation to the members. The balance as of today is \$21,655.78.

OLD BUSINESS

Yearbook: Suzanne Iwanicki did not attend. Go to www.community.lifetouch.com, code IEYRPD to upload pictures for the yearbook.

Fall Fundraiser Delivery: Liz Rottinger. Thanks to all helpers. Pick up went well, no complaints.

Spiritwear: Ruth Esposito has received all the spiritwear and it will be distributed by 12/19.

Auction: Chairperson Liz Rottinger. Thanks to all volunteers and all that donated. Special thank you to Liz for organizing and running the auction. Total auction income was \$11,368.00, total expenses were \$1,802.06, total profit was \$9,565.94. Sophie Nucifora and Stephen Snow won the Principal for a Day prizes. 8-W had 100% donation participation, so they will receive a McDonald's party along with the next top 3 classes with the most participation by percentage. A thank you to Sherry Layman for all her help on Friday. Class donations were down, but we are grateful for all donations. Mr. Mersinger was impressed with the auction and apologized for taking too long counting the 50/50 money.

NEW BUSINESS

Breakfast with Santa: Chairperson Jaime Nucifora. Our Santa is well and will be attending our Breakfast himself rather than sending a replacement. Ruth is shopping Friday morning. Dunkin Donuts ordered, and the milk was ordered with Nutriserve. Set up can begin at 1:30 on Friday afternoon, and we will check on progress after the Winter Band and Chorus Concert, then set up will be completed Saturday morning beginning at 8:00am.

Little Shoppers' Shop: Chairpeople Ruth Esposito and Liz Rottinger. Envelopes went home today for students to bring money and a budget for in-school shopping. It will be set up in the music room. Third through Fifth grades will

shop Thursday morning and Kindergarten through Second grades will shop Friday afternoon, and it will also be open on Saturday during Breakfast with Santa.

2015 Calendar: Carnival night will be 1/30/15, with activities in All Purpose Room, face painters in the hall and possibly a moon bounce in the gym if the insurance approves it. 1/27 will be a Library Science night. There will be 3 more Chick-fil-a nights. The Burlington Bowl raised the price from \$8 to \$10, but increased bowling time from 2 hours to 2.5 hours, and still includes pizza, soda and shoes. We may schedule another skating party for March and another Bingo & Sundae night.

Computers for Education: \$5.50 for each completed booklet and extra \$250 for 50 completed booklets. Runs 1/12-16. No purchase necessary, just send in completed booklets with addresses. If student receives 2 subscriptions from their booklet, they will receive a free T-shirt. The grand prize is a blow up robot.

Trenton Thunder: Tuesday, 4/21/15, which is not on Spring Break this year. Tickets are \$11 each. Kids eat free. Students will sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" on the field at the 7th Inning Stretch.

Other New Business: Kristin Atkinson is looking into running a Purse Bingo. Looking into ticket prices and a venue. Someone suggested possibly a BYOB at a firehouse.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mersinger: Friday was a teacher in-service. They had PARCC prep and Common Core training. Students are getting sample tests in the computer lab for practice. The students are being told to do the best they can, there should be no fear or stress associated with the testing. This year will be a baseline test on which to judge our school for the years to follow. The teachers also had some training with the Go Math program. Mr. Mersinger was very impressed with the teacher participation in the auction. Liz did an amazing job.

The Pearson Chorus will be performing at the Moorestown Mall on 12/9 and the WSS Band and Chorus will be performing there on 12/10, and the Winter Concert will be at WSS on Friday at 7:00pm (Mr. Mersinger will be playing a song with the Concert Band). The Seventh Grade will be going to the Walnut Street Theater on 12/11. 12/23 is a half day and Winter Break runs from 12/24 through 1/4/15, which was in the December Newsletter that was sent home.

Student Government nomination forms came home. The students must get all 5 signatures, Mr. Mersinger will not sign until the other 4 signatures have been obtained. The student also needs to be in the Impact Club because leaders should be providing community service. The Student Government will have a Great Adventure trip at the end of the school year.

Ms. Mack: Thanks to Kristin Atkinson for donating a great camera to Pearson. They had the camera in time for the Renaissance Pep Rally, which promoted character education and school spirit, held for Grades 2 through 5 in the gym. They honored the honor roll students by grade and students of the month. The teachers wore construction hats, music was played, students collected charms for awards. Classes earned awards to keep for the marking period, which will be passed onto a new class next marking period, and there was an Overall Principal Award. The last 5 minutes was an open dance party. The Staff Development programs we have are the best. The staff is positive about the PARCC testing. Pearson staff donated food to a Delanco family in need for Thanksgiving and they are collecting for a large, struggling family for Christmas. The PTO will also be donating any proceeds from the Little Shoppers' Shop and Breakfast with Santa to the Pearson Fund for Delanco families in need. All holiday parties will be held on 12/23 the last hour of the early dismissal day.

Delanco Library: Flyers for December events were made available.

Upcoming Events:

- 12/11-12** Little Shoppers' Shop in school at Pearson – cash only
- 12/13** Breakfast with Santa & Little Shoppers' Shop, 9:00-11:00am
- 1/12** PTO Meeting, Pearson Conf Rm, 7:30pm
- 1/14** Chick-fil-a Spirit Night, 5-8pm, Delran

The next PTO Meeting is Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Pearson Conference Room.

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

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 Wendy Flannigan and second by Tracy Easton.

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