

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

7:31p.m. meeting was called to order by President Ruth Esposito. There were ___ members in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Jaime Nucifora presented the November 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 \$15,994.71.

OLD BUSINESS

Yearbook: Suzanne Iwanicki. Go to 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.

Fall Fundraiser Delivery: All went well, no problems.

Holiday Auction: PTO profited over \$11,382, plus \$792.50 for the 50/50. Total expenses were \$1,060.23. Last year we only profited \$9,500, this year we did great, class donations were up. The following classes won McDonalds parties: 8W, 6W, 4M, 2F, and 3T. We had 3 additional tables for baskets this year. The Home Depot donated the large grill and all the water bottles. The custodial staff built the grill for us, even with the WSS sewerage issues. Thank you to all who helped put together the snack bags.

Breakfast with Santa/Little Shoppers: Everything went well with Breakfast with Santa. We determined next year we need to have hand stamps and people stationed at both doors to the All Purpose Room because those coming in for the Little Shoppers' Shop and the 8th Grade fundraisers that did not buy tickets to the Breakfast cannot be let into the All Purpose Room – we ran out of food this year for the first time in at least 6 years. Little Shoppers went well, and we will be using the same company next year, but requesting more of the \$3 and under items and less of the \$11 items. Santa donated his \$50 back to the Pearson Fund, which Mr. Mersinger advised is now the DTEA Philanthropic Fund. We will give Allison Donnelly \$550 to purchase items for Delanco families in need.

NEW BUSINESS

Computers for Education: Booklets will come home 1/11/16. We receive \$5.50 for each completed booklet, even if there are no purchases! Please fill out your booklets and return them to school by 1/15/16.

2016 Calendar: Our tentative 2016 calendar is on the back of the Agenda. We will be using Mixed Bags for our spring fundraiser. We earn 50% of the proceeds if we make our goal and enter our own orders. There are lots of new catalog items. We are considering another concurrent fundraiser. There are 3 more Chickfila Spirit Nights. There will be a talent show and the Staff/8th grade basketball game in March, and we will move our tentative March Bingo date to February. Trenton Thunder is April 12. We may schedule a bowling night at Burlington Bowl for a Sunday in January or February. Someone suggested a family fun night at either Sky Zone or Stratosphere.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mersinger: He attended the November township meeting with the elected 7th graders. November was Thankful for Staff month. They had jeans days, trivia, teamwork tickets, PTO giveaways, and mugs with our new logo have been ordered for the staff. All of our district academic goals were met for the last school year, so they are showing appreciation. The schools celebrated Veterans' Day, there were parent-teacher conferences, a teacher in-service. The PTO did a fantastic job with the auction. It is a very complicated event, but it runs very smoothly. The Mersinger Family had fun at the Breakfast with Santa, and Mr. Mersinger gave free snack passes to the middle school helpers. The Pearson Chorus sang at the Moorestown Mall last week, and the WSS chorus and band will be there this week. The Winter Concert is 12/17. Interims will be coming home, and then Winter Break is 12/24 through 1/3/16.

Mr. Conti: Pearson classes will be having their holiday parties either 12/22 or 12/23, teacher's choice. Kindergarten and 1st grade had their Thanksgiving Feast on 11/25, and the 4th Grade Buddies joined them for the first time. The Auction and Breakfast with Santa were great. It was great to see the staff support at the auction, and also nice to see the 8th grade fundraising.

Delanco Library: This year is their 150th Birthday. You can preorder the historical calendar for \$15. The Library's \$5 Below fundraiser is running 12/16-24, the flyer will be on the website and Facebook. On 12/15 from 9am to 9pm, the Friends of the Delanco Library will be at Barnes & Noble wrapping gifts, and all tips will be donated to the Delanco Library.

Upcoming Events:

- 1/11** PTO Meeting, Pearson Conference Room, 7:30pm
- 1/13** Chickfila Spirit Night, 5-8pm, Delran location
- 1/26** Library Night with Steve Woyce – “Turtles”, 6pm & 7pm

The next PTO Meeting is Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Pearson Conference Room.

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report was made by Cathryn Plum and second by Kristin Atkinson.

A motion to approve the Secretary’s report was made by Ashley Schintz and second by Tracey Hamlin.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tracey Hamlin and second by Sherry Layman.

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