

DELANCO PTO
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2017 MEETING

7:29 p.m. meeting was called to order by president Ruth Esposito. There were 13 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Jaime Nucifora presented the December and January 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 \$9,057.78 (\$3,386.92 regular account; \$5,670.86 gaming account). The yearbook payment was made in January. The PTO will begin paying for all the room reps for class trips, not just 2 reps.

OLD BUSINESS

Yearbook: Suzanne Iwanicki: Go to www.community.lifetouch.com, use code OXBWPU to upload pictures for the yearbook. Please upload all your class party and event pictures. Deadline is usually over spring break.

Reading for Education: We earned \$299 in completed booklets and Brent Atkinson in 3rd grade was the winner of the inflatable Minion robot. Students with 2 orders will get a T-shirt, or a Webkins with an order from a Star Sponsor.

Turtles with Steve Woyce: There were 81 in attendance. He is booked for possibly Monday, July 10th and will be incorporated with the Library's summer reading program.

Valentine's Dance: Shane Lilliston. Thank you to all volunteers and staff! Everything went well. The photos were done in the auditorium so the kids could enjoy the music while in line. The pictures have been sent home already. Friday, May 12th is the Mother's Day dance.

Chick-fil-a Spirit Night: for January, our total sales were \$2,057.04, earning us \$514.26. 6W-Zacher won a munchkins party. Our next Chick-fil-a night is Wednesday, March 8th. We always have a great turnout and beat out many of the bigger schools like Delran and Moorestown. We changed from March 1st because it is Ash Wednesday to March 8th.

Other: We made about the same amount with the Save Around books compared to the Kids Stuff books, and it saved hours of time for Tracy Easton. Kids Stuff wants us back, but it is much more time consuming.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Fundraiser: Liz Rottinger. Mixed Bags and Gertrude Hawk will come home this Friday and are due by Monday, March 6th.

Box Tops: are due in by Tuesday, February 21st. The middle school can put all their Box Tops in a bag with the amount written and the prize they want.

Bingo: Traci Granate. Friday, March 3rd. Need volunteers to set up at 6:00pm, during the event, and clean up. We have to pay a kitchen staff person to assist with the ice cream.

Books v. Badges Basketball Game: Tracy Easton. 8th grade fundraising event, Friday, March 10th. Dave Kearn started this event last year where the teachers and staff play against the Delanco Police, Fire, and EMS members. There will be food for sale in the Pearson All Purpose Room, including hot dogs, pretzels, and L&M donuts. Dave Kearn has agreed to referee the game. Order forms are coming home this week and will also be emailed. March 1st is the deadline to buy tickets. There are only 200 tickets available, and they sold out fast last year. Doors will open at 6:30 and the game will begin at 7:00. Ticket price went up to \$5 this year, but everyone will receive a rally towel. There are already 20-25 volunteers for the event. We need the gaming license on the premises for the 50/50. There was a great staff turnout last year and the event raised about \$1,500 for the 8th grade dance and trip.

Skating Party: Sunday, March 19th, 5:15-7:15pm, Holiday Skating. The face painters are booked and there will be a coloring contest.

Trenton Thunder: Tuesday, April 18th. \$11/ticket includes kids eat free and students sing Take Me Out to the Ballgame during the 7th inning stretch. This event is during our Spring Break this year.

PTO Elections: Elections are in May. We selected a 3 person nominating committee – Ruth Esposito, Sherry Layman, and Liz Rottinger. If you are interested in running for a board position, please submit it in writing to one of the committee members. Candidates will be announced at the April PTO meeting. Elections will be held at the May PTO meeting. In order to be on the Board, you have to be a PTO member with your dues paid to date.

Other: There will be a Social Media/Bullying assembly held on Wednesday at both Pearson and Walnut Street. Room reps are invited to attend, but please sign in at the office.

The Delanco Recreation Committee will hold its Easter egg hunt this year. STEPP was able to purchase their 3-D printer with the help of many donations, including Lockheed Martin who matched the amount of all the other donations.

At the Board of Education meeting, it was discussed whether Delanco should continue sending students to Riverside High School. The Board has made an adjunct committee to look into our options. Less than half of our current graduating 8th graders are choosing to go to RHS, even though Delanco contributes almost \$1 million to RHS.

The Board also discussed possibly using the Library space as a room for a pre-K class, but

most want to keep it as the township public library because students use it often and they have many great programs. There is discussion about obtaining two separate digital signs out front of Pearson – one for the school and one for the library. The PTO has already donated \$3,800 for the purchase of a digital sign.

There is a new guidance counselor at WSS. Read Across America's theme is Magical Places.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mersinger: was not able to attend.

Ms. Noble: There is a parents' Science Night on March 22nd at 7:00pm at WSS for the Next Generation Science Standards which will be implemented in all grades in September 2017. It has already been implemented in WSS, but it will be new to Pearson in September. The new standards have the students investigating, discovering, and exploring instead of just receiving instruction.

Mr. Conti: Tomorrow is the 100th day of school. The Kindergarten will have their 100th day celebration on Wednesday. There is a middle school dance on Friday. Schools are closed 2/20 for Presidents' Day. On 2/27, RHS juniors and seniors from the Future Educators of America will shadow staff members. Mr. Conti is currently exploring fun ideas for his Read Across America challenge, along the lines of his pies in the face last year. Posters are due by 2/21. Jump Rope for Heart will be 2/27-28.

Delanco Library: Flyers are available for all February, March, and April events.

Upcoming Events:

2/17-3/6 Spring Fundraiser
2/21 Box Tops due
3/3 Bingo, 7pm, Pearson All Purpose Room (\$2/ticket)
3/8 Chick-fil-a Spirit Night, 5-8pm, Delran location
3/10 Books v. Badges Basketball Game (\$5/ticket) (8th grade fundraiser)
3/19 Skating Party 5:15-7:15pm, Holiday Skating (\$5/ticket)
4/18 Trenton Thunder (\$11/ticket)

The next PTO Meeting will be Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:30pm in the Pearson Conference Room.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cathryn Plum and second by Kate Teel.

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