

Wanaque School PTA
September 10, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

LT: Welcome everyone can't believe we are starting another school year already! It is a very busy time of year and we are excited about all the new things we are planning as well as continuing our established programs. Please help yourself to refreshments.

Donna Cardiello: Welcome and thank you for coming. We are off to our best start ever. The excitement and energy the first week of school was fantastic. Please continue to join us to support teachers, administration, PTA and the Board of Education, have a great year.

Mr. Frick: Thank you to the PTA for everything, we appreciate all you do. The bulletin board looks amazing. The inspirational quotes on the bathroom stalls are so great and add pop to the school. We are off to a great start. We are going to have a meeting Wednesday with the students to set expectations. Also, the class with the highest PTA enrollment will have a pizza party with Mrs. Luke and me. The mum sale is going on, every year the mum planting makes the school look so festive so thank you for that and hopefully there will be lots of donations. Wanaque Day is coming up, I will be in the dunk tank as will Mrs. Luke. 9/25 at 7pm is the BOE meeting at the Wanaque School and 9/27 is Back to School night. Remember to download the Wanaque School app so you have all the information on the goings on at our school at your fingertips.

Mrs. Luke, Vice Principal: Thank you for coming out, it is exciting for me to be a part of the Wanaque School family. We are starting the Wanaque Warrior Reading Challenge. Kids will read all kinds of books and will earn points for Field Day as long as they read them cover to cover. There will also be a book tasting, there will be different themes and genres and will introduce kids to new literature, it is going to be great.

BOE: Welcome to PTA, this is an amazing group. We like to think of the BOE as the behind the scenes and the PTA is the embellishment of an elementary school education.

LT: Thank you to all our teachers who came out tonight, we appreciate your support

I would like to introduce our officers, you can feel free to speak to any of us if you have any questions or concerns as well as any new ideas or thoughts you have for the PTA

Officers:

Tracy Purcella – 1st VP: nothing to report

Juanita Villacis – corresponding secretary: A Thank you card from Jen Spear for supporting the drama program and for the flowers and gift card.

Sharon Berkenbushh – Treasurer: excused from meeting

Lisa Bellante – 2nd VP: nothing to report

Yvette Stoker – Recording Secretary: nothing to report

We have lots of Committees you can volunteer for, there is a book going around so you can see all the different things we do. Committees can be very easy with little time needed all the way to those who might require weeks or months to accomplish. There is something for everyone and we hope everyone will sign up to help with something. We had a great year last year, without the amazing volunteers we would never have been able to do it.

Something to remember, you cannot be on a committee if you are not a member of the PTA, you also cannot vote or be a class parent so be sure to get your form in and be an official part of the PTA. Some open committees for this year include:

Fundraising – right now we are looking at Gertrude Hawke which will be starting shortly

Holiday Bazaar

Egg Hunt

Tricky Tray – we need lots of people for this one

If you were a chair for one of our committees last year and do not wish to chair that program again, just let one of us know so we can add that to our sign-up book.

JV: Thank you notes for our welcome to school gifts

LT: We are proud to announce that we will be sponsoring after school clubs and activities this year again. The programs we initiated last year were so well received, we have put together some other programs. Art classes, STEM and TREPS were all a huge success. In about a week or so you will see flyers for some new programs including Robotics for K-3, 16 students so be sure and get your enrollment in as fast as possible. There will also be yoga offered for grades 1-3 for one hour after school. TREPS is our young entrepreneur program will be offered for grades 5-8.

Bingo: 11/1/18 bingo Pre K thru 5, Susan M will be taking this over

Box tops: Iman: Please make sure you get your box tops in and that you have your child's teacher's name on the bag you hand in so that we are sure it gets credited to the correct class. You can bring them in any time throughout the year. We receive 2 checks per year, the winning class: get your flyers in and be sure you are signed up as a PTA member. Class parents will be drawn at the October meeting

Cultural Arts: There will be an anti-bullying assembly in October called Mallory's Army for 5th-8th with a parent meeting preceding that. Lenape Indians will visit the 4th grade as well, lots more to come

Dances: Juanita is handling dances this year. 10/26 will be the Halloween Dance for middle school at Wanaque, we will need chaperones. We will continue with our 4th and 5th grade dances as well, first one will be the holiday dance on 12/14 at Wanaque, the spring dances will both be at Haskell.

Dine to donate: 9/25 with Luigi's all day

10/23 – Wendy's from 5-8pm

12/1-12/6 at Five Below, you must bring the flyer

Drama: Jen Spear: The show has been selected (High School Musical jr) Auditions will be in January with the show in March.

Egg Hunt: open committee: this will be in April hoping it will be a bit warmer

8th grade: Kathy Krafton & Dana Hoogmoed: we will have a table at BTSN you can sig up for a committee then. Remember you must be a PTA member. There will be a facebook page, Wanaque Class of 2019 with the first parent meeting in October.

Field Day: More to come

Fundraising: open committee: Our first fundraiser of the year is always our mum sale. All orders MUST be in by 9/12, we cannot accept late orders as we need to get this to the vendor in order to deliver by 9/21. Remember you can also donate a mum to the school, last year there were a ton of donations and the school looked amazing, make sure you note who is donating so your child can plant the mum. Gertrude Hawke flyers will go around soon and the orders will be due the 3rd week of October.

Book fair: Joanne: Book fair will coincide with the Holiday Bazaar and in school the week of December 3-6

Holiday Bazaar: open committee: 12/8, this is a great event inviting vendors of all kinds and a great way to get some holiday shopping done.

Holiday Shop: Shana: Will also be at the Holiday Bazaar and in school on 12/7

Kids Stuff Books: Shana: There is an app this year that you can download with a code from the book you purchase so you can have your coupons on the go, they will be available in school and at the picnic

Membership: Nicole: Please get your forms in ASAP

School Apparel: Tina: There are some great new options, be sure and check them out at our new website, wanaquestore.com. We accept credit cards on that site but checks and cash only in person. There will be a table at the picnic with samples and some cash and carry items

Pictures: Judy & Lisa: Fall pictures are October 5th, we need some volunteers for that day. Retakes will be 11/19 as well as 8th grade pix. 1/22 will be 8th grade retakes and 3/21 will be Spring and sibling picture day

Website is up to date

Thanksgiving baskets: open committee: We receive a number from the town nurse and we request donations by grade. Baskets are filled the Monday before thanksgiving.

Town Picnic: 9/22 there will be a PTA table for membership, clothing, smenctcils and the dunk tank of course. Tons of folks going in, Mr. Frick and Mrs. Luke as well as other teachers and coaches

Tricky Tray: open committee: the date is set for April 6, mark your calendars, more to come

Trunk or Treat: open committee: 10/26 at Back Beach for ages Pre-K through 5th. This is district wide as we get help from the rec department as well

Old Business: remember we are affiliated with Amazon Smile, Shoparoo and Stop n Shop and Shop Rite rewards programs, this is a simple way to get money and you are using these stores anyway

New business: There will be some open committees in the fall:
Our next PTA meeting will be Monday 10/1

Please check the schedule on the web for information you may need.

Adjourned until 10/1/2018 7pm in the Technology Room

Motion to adjourn: Abby

2nd: Lisa

With no further business to discuss, meeting is adjourned until 10/1/2018.

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Respectfully submitted 10/1/18