



Meeting Minutes 2/6/2023

I. Call to order/Welcome - Called to order at 7:06 P.M.

Leane Tully: It's hard to believe we're already in February. Thank you everybody for coming.

II. Administration Reports

- a) **Mr. Alloy**: We want to thank you guys for Rachel's Challenge. It's tomorrow from 9-10 for K-4 and 10-11 for grades 5-8. It's an hour long assembly for anti-bullying. We do have the annual Souper Bowl that Mr. Saraceni is running. They have averaged over 2,000 cans a year and he's hoping to break that record. I notice everything in Wanaque when it starts, it catches fire. If you have any canned goods, send them in so we can rock this. Thank you guys for what you do.
- b) **Leane Tully** - The PTA sponsors gift cards for the winners.
 - Approval for the minutes from the last meeting. Joy Palatucci - 1st. Abby Alaya -2nd

III. Committee Reports

A.) Recap


- **Mother/Son Event** -Beth Zalusky - It was a good night. It was nice to be back at it again. There were 53 kids and close to 100 including the moms. We played a lot of volleyball. We rode scooters too.

Leane:


- **8th Grade Pictures** - We're done with those. I have to reach out and see when re-takes are coming back, should be within the week or so.
- **School store fundraiser** - that's the fundraiser that you can purchase gift cards. It really benefits the teachers. The gift cards donated were \$4,590. Instead of giving them hard copies, I emailed their gift certificates out to them. I wanted them to know that's their money and code to go shop on the school store site. They are a little pricey but it's matched dollar for dollar. It's a lot of leg work for the PTA on our end but the teachers really love it.


B.) Standing Committees

- **After School Clubs** - They've been booming. We're probably going to be kicking off 4th & 5th grade LEGO club in March. The Billy Shakes Club has their second meeting tomorrow. They like the cake decorating club. That's a good opportunity for the teachers to do fun activities with the kids after school.
- **Bingo** - Abby Alaya- The next one is early March. It was fun. We had about the same amount, maybe a little more. The field day stuff was a hit but they were throwing the footballs. The next one we'll do prizes again.
- **Leane**: We have to build up our Scholastic Bucks to buy more books. We do have another Book Fair coming up in April. We can do another Books for Bingo



after that. At the end of the year we'll send home another book with each student to do their summer reading and enjoy reading.

- Box Tops - Keep scanning. You can scan digital receipts on the App.
 - Cultural Arts - We're looking to do a Seuss Assembly for the younger grades. I've been in contact with the lady, it's very fun and unique. PreK, K, 1st and some of the special classes. The only change this year I'd love to have it on Seuss's birthday but I have to check her schedule. It'll be sometime in March and we'll bring back the Green Eggs and Ham breakfast. We offer middle school kids to come in and help with the clean up. I'll have a meeting with Ms. Quinlan about Seuss Day, it is a lot of work.
 - Dances - Big Guy Little Gal coming up 2/10/23. 6:30-8. 2 hours is a long time for the little ones. This is offered for PreK - 3rd grade. We're going to have some raffles. The last head count we got wasn't as many as the past. But a lot of people wait until the last minute to send in those slips. Decorating and refreshment table are the main areas we need help. We don't need many chaperones since the dads are all there.
 - Dine to Donate - Kitchen and Beer on 2/16 from 5:00 - 10:00. We did fantastic with Jersey Mike's. We did not get the check yet but we made like \$500 which is probably our highest Dine to Donate. Wendy's we made about \$350 or so.
 - Eighth Grade Committee - ordering tshirts soon, working on the slide show. Please get your pictures in, 6,000 pictures is a huge task to get the pictures together with music. I'll be working on it over Spring Break.
 - Fundraising- Gertrude Hawk will be going home Monday and delivery will be the week of March 27. It will probably be due by March 10th. We did really well with Pie-Eyed Pizza. We made about \$600.
 - Fun Run - For the first time this year, in early April. It is a fundraiser but we're looking at it to be just a fun day for the kids. Our field is large enough to have 2 tracks at once so two grades will go at once. It should be a fun day with balloon arches and bubble machines. Wednesday, April 5th
 - Health & Safety - Anti bullying, Rachel's Challenge. 2 different assemblies. For the younger grades, talking about kindness and not so much about the event at Columbine. They won't talk about the school shooting. Older grades they'll talk a little bit more about that. It's a little intense. A couple years ago there were some students that it really hit them and a teacher was handing out tissues. They talk about the Columbine H.S. Shooting. Rachel was the first student that lost her life at that event. It's more about what she did in her life, leaving notes on lockers, spreading kindness. Her parents found her writing about being kind and that's how Rachel's Challenge started. The younger grades won't hear any of the tragic
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part of it. It's a great presentation and it went over really well a couple years ago when we had it.

- Mr. Alloy - Kindness Week starts Friday. There's a week worth of it. Tess has it planned for each day and she sent me the flier today.
- School Pictures - Sibling Pictures - March 22. Sibling and spring pictures. We'll send a separate form to organize for that.
- Square Dance - Mrs. Spirko talked about this last night. March 9, \$10 per family. Snow date on the 10th.
- Talent Show - March 16th, 7:00. For middle school. Chorus sings as well.

IV. Old / New business

a) Questions: Are we doing track?

i) ANSWER: I have to check with Mr. Trahan. He just did Mother-Son so now I'll hit him up with the track. He definitely needs the help with walking the kids over to Lakeland. Last year he did 5th & 6th and then 7th & 8th.

b) What responsibilities are there for Valentine's Day for class parents?

i) ANSWER: You can confirm with the teacher but basically your responsibility are collect donations for the 2 parties: Holiday & End of Year. We are not doing a Tricky Tray so that would have been the other responsibility, making a basket. Obviously when they go upstairs and even 4th grade, the parents stop going to the parties. Class parents are first pick for chaperoning class trips. Sometimes the younger grades will have a third party.

c) Do they take chaperones on 8th grade trips?

i) ANSWER: No parent chaperones, just the teachers.

V. Next Meeting: March 6, 2023

VI. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn: Shanga Uργο; Second Beth Zalusky

