

PTA Meeting March 8, 2011

The general meeting of the Accomsett Elementary PTA was called to order at 7:04 pm on Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

In attendance: Ellen Kyranakis, Nancy Linardos, Patty Arrucci, Regina Ranaldo, Allyson Gelfand and Mrs. Feliciano.

The minutes of the February 1st General PTA Meeting and February 15th Special Meeting were accepted. Copies were made available to the general audience.

Correspondence

- We received a “Thank You” from Mrs. Miccicci.

Treasurer’s Report

- Revised balance \$44,036.20 interest income.
- Balance as of February \$41,466.75.

Teacher’s Representative

- Nothing to report. Looking forward to Friday’s cultural arts assembly.

President’s Report

- We had several special meetings. One took place on February 15th, and one took place on March 1st at High School West.
- FAQ’s are available.
- We need to pay Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee met a few weeks and had to answer 10 questions online. The committee came up with the following:
 1. Membership fee increase from \$7.00 to \$10.00 for single membership; \$13.50 for family membership.
 2. Executive Committee – 1 president, 1 vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer (this committee should be an uneven number for voting purposes).
 3. How long can a term be? 1 year.
 4. Nominating Committee – composed of 5 chair people, 2 non chair people.
 5. Executive Committee Board – chair people
 6. Council Delegate – appointed by president and executive committee.
- The floor was open for questions.
- Alesia Simco made the motion to approve the Bylaws, Andrea Nieto second the motion. All in favor.
- The By Laws have been approved and will be sent to New York State PTA.
- No decision have been made regarding the closing of a school. Mr. Ehmann will make the recommendation to the school board and the board will decide.
- Accomsett will be affected – we are going to lose teachers as it is based on seniority.
- We must make this a smooth transition for the kids.
- There will be a lot of changes happening.

Nominating Committee

- There is no president or vice president on the slate.
- Nominations for treasurer, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary have been accepted.
- Please talk to Ellen or Nancy to find out what the job is all about.
- It does get very involved, but worthwhile.
- It’s time for new people to step up.
- Please reach out- we must have the slate for April.
- We need a president.

Dine O'Round

- Baskets have come in.
- There were a lot of donations.
- Mr. Avalone had gotten us a number of baseball, hockey, and basketball tickets.
- A Tourneau watch has been donated.
- Tickets to the Dine O'Round are still available.
- We need volunteers for set up and clean up.
- We need raffle ticket sellers.
- We are looking to fill half hour slots.
- If we all take our half hour slot it'll be a great night.

Health and Wellness

- Health and Safety Fair is scheduled for April 8th.
- Setting up in the gym and cafeteria.
- Safety Swim will be here.
- If anyone has any other contacts please let us know.

- Thank you to PARP – Susan Tylar, Susan Haggerty and Nicole Zitoli – the PARP chairpeople.

- Thank you Barbara DeSousa, Jen Tepper, Rose Weithemeyer, Laurie Zamore, and Monica Briffa on a great Winter Olympics. We now know that it can work on one night.

- Smithtown News – fundraiser for Accomsett PTA. \$28/1 year, \$45 2 year. Checks should be made payable to Accomsett PTA.

Principal's Report

- The forum at High School West was to bring information together. Topics discussed were transportation, school closure, sports, and half day kindergarten.
- Thank you Mrs. Kyranakis – she spoke on behalf of where her kindergartener is at in a class of 25; she brought awareness.
- The district sent out 100 letters for potential excess.
- This is not an easy time.
- We have to respect and make this a smooth transition.
- It will look very different here next year.
- Having the board with the knowledge and support will help with the transition.
- There will be a transportation referendum – not sure yet how it will be out.
- It is difficult, some choices will be political.
- It's a good year, there will be changes, we do not want the children affected – children should not be informed.
- Kids may have to walk to school – we'll have to come together to figure this out.
- Children are not ready for political views.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Regina Ranaldo, Recording Secretary