

PTA Meeting October 5, 2010

The general meeting of the Accomsett Elementary PTA was called to order at 7:41 pm on Tuesday, October 5, 2010.

In attendance: Ellen Kyranakis, Nancy Lindardos, Janet Burkert, Patti Arrucci, Regina Ranaldo Allyson Gelfand, and Mrs. Feliciano.

The minutes of the September 14, 2010 General PTA Meeting were accepted. Copies were made available to the general audience.

Treasurers Report

- Balance from September 2010 \$35,969.48. Copies were made available.

Correspondence

- Binder with thank you notes was passed around.
- Information about Gifted Program was passed around.
- CVS flu shots for \$5.00.

Teachers Representative

- Nothing to report.

Principal's Report

- A lot of upcoming events. Mrs. Minarik will try to keep up with all events in Accomsett Announcer.
- Thank you to the PTA for their efforts.
- As mentioned before, but to be official, there will be no NYS 5th grade social studies test.
- ELA and math results are in envelopes waiting to be sealed and close to mailing.
- AIS and STEMS letters will be mailed shortly as well.
- Passing grade for NYS exams was moved up.
- Top percent of scores for the building will be eligible for STEMS.
- First grade morning clubs have started.
- Band is starting.
- Emergency evacuation has been postponed until Friday, October 8th.
- Switched Plant a Bulb to Thursday, October 7th. This is for kindergarten and new students.

President's Report

- Thank you to Lisa Kielmeyer for the Summer Reading Breakfast.
- Thank you to the volunteers who helped sell membership and merchandise for Meet the Teacher Nights.
- Council Meetings – are held once a month. Last meeting discussion was for Parent University. The topic is bullying, drugs, health and safety, smart choices for parents and children.
- Red Ribbon Week is October 25th. We get money from the Council for ribbons to wear all week. This year we ordered something different since the ribbons don't stick.
- Resolutions – PTA is an advocacy group. In November our district representatives will attend the meeting.
- Superintendent's Meeting – all PTA presidents attend. Ellen spoke to Mr. Ehmann about Beautification. We would like to replace the railroad ties that cover the well. Pictures were taken to show Mr. Ehmann the potential danger.

- PTA Training – all members are invited to attend training. Training will be held in Wading River. There are 2 sessions, 7:45-8:45 and 9:00-10:00 pm. AE PTA will pay for all attendees.
- We are not the Bank of PTA – we are a 501C3 organization-we cannot give money to any organization or substantial amounts to any one particular family.
- Sunshine Fund – the PTA is working on guidelines. Ellen will meet with Mrs. Minarik to review.
- Smithtown Children’s Foundation is set up to assist families. We are hoping to have one of the founders of the organization as a guest speaker next month to explain.
- “Going Green” – magnets went home – hope you were able to get it off your flyer. Website info is on magnet- flyers will not be coming home.
 - We will keep information and flyers at the Greeter’s desk for those who cannot access online forms
- Bi-laws are expiring. We do have to change our bi-laws and need a committee to work on that.
- We need a nomination committee as there will be 4 board positions are up.
- Next PTA meeting we will be putting together a nominating committee.
- Please come back next month!

Arts in Education – Nancy Linardos, Elise Siegel, Kristine Gutierrez

- First assembly is next Wednesday.
- Power of One – bullying, internet safety; all children will sign a pledge.

Council Delegate – Sally Schaeffer

- Did not make the last meeting.
- Legislative/advocacy falls under Council umbrella.
- Bring issues to policy makers and take action.
- NYS PTA website have all policies online.
- Will be handing out index cards at meetings for you to list your concerns. Mailbox will also be set up.
- We will try to reach out to local legislators.
- There are more kids on buses and more potential problems.
- A legislative rep is needed to attend meetings.

Health & Wellness – Victoria Lamardo

- Planning a health fair for the spring.
- Attended meeting, most people only talked about food, fat free foods are loaded with sugar.
- Victoria is more interested in getting the kids more exercise.
- Committee will be set up to work on this.

School Board Representative – Sherry Mofle

- Sherry will be here next month to report.

SEPTA – Alesia Simco

- Changes in the grading of regents competency.
- Membership and notepads are on sale.

SIT – Jamie Moses

- Jamie was not in attendance.

Sunshine Fund – Liz Adams

- Liz was not in attendance.

Membership – Patti Arrucci

- Sales are going well, membership on sale.
- All class parents and chair people must be members.

Fall Flowers – Michelle Engel

- Pick up tomorrow 10/6 from 3:30 to 6:00 pm.
- Volunteers should be there at 12:30 instead of 12:00.

Beautification – Ellen Kyranakis

- See President's Report.

Box Tops – Sue Fandozzi

- Contest going on now. Cut off is October 21st.

Reflections – Jamie Moses

- Jamie not here, but entries are due 10/15.

School Store – Ellen Kyranakis

- Store is up and running. Looking for four more volunteers.

Blood Drive – Alesia Simco

- There is a sign up for volunteers. Blood Drive is October 26th from 5-9 pm.
- Class parents should be calling for parents to donate.
- Incentive – you can earn points for shopping.
- RH negative is extremely low.
- Class parents must have forms back by 10/19.

Class Pictures – Dawn Georgadis

- October 27-28, later than usual. Using new company.

Halloween Carnival – Patti Richards, Janet Burkert

- October 30th 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Class parents should have called already for volunteers.
- There are 15-20 games to keep kids busy.
- Great community service hours for 6th graders and up.
- Set up is the night before. We try not to have kids with us during set up.

Carnival Raffle – Frances Avallone, Christie Sacino

- Need items to raffle off. Frances willing to pick up donations at your house.

Game Night - Andrea Nieto

- Please come! Only 1 game night this year. Friday, November 5th.
- Theme is "Sports Spectacular".

Miscellaneous

- Apparel sales go until the end of November.
- Have a new activity tee shirt. This flyer will be sent home. Graphic is on the website.

- Beautification is October 7th at 3:30 pm for fall clean up.
- “Count the Goodies” – always sent forms home. This year we are not charging any child to participate. It will take in school and there will be 1 winner per grade. It will run for 2 weeks before Halloween.
- Mrs. Minarik trying to keep things nutritious. Please do not send goody bags into school. Try to keep things in moderation. Many teachers already addressed this at Meet the Teacher.
- Will have “Fill the Bucket” mural.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Regina Ranaldo, Recording Secretary