

PTA Meeting May 3, 2011

The general meeting of the Accomsett Elementary PTA was called to order at 7:37 pm on Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

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

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Denaro.

The minutes of the April 5th General PTA Meeting were accepted. Ellen Kyranakis accepted the minutes but amended the bussing referendum information. The minutes report distance is measured “as the crow flies”, however, it is “driveway to driveway”. Copies were made available to the general audience.

Principal’s Report

- Mrs. Minarik thanked the school community for their kindness on the death of Mr. Denaro. Staff appreciates the condolences.
- Thank you to Mrs. Kyranakis for her help and support making parent calls. It was not an easy task.
- Planning events, some planting, plant a tree in memorial for Mr. Denaro.
- Nothing official yet – would like to have a walk/run. Working on permits for that.
- Valerie Spillane came in to second grade – not easy to do under circumstances.
- More information to follow.
- Four teachers put in for retirement: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Gunther, Mrs. Lemberg, and Mrs. Williams.
- Some of the PTA board members are moving on.

Correspondence

- Received thank you’s for the assemblies.
- LIU Camp for Gifted Children information available.
- Information on candidates running for Board of Education made available.

Treasurer’s Report

- Balance as of April 11 - \$56, 121.33
- Copies made available.

Teacher’s Representative

- Thank you for the Cultural Arts assemblies.

President’s Report

- Thank you Victoria Lamardo for the Health & Wellness Fair. Unfortunately, it was not attended well.
- District had their first Citizen Advisory Committee meeting.
- District Report Card – doing well across the board.
- Child Nutrition information – PowerPoint presentation is available.
 - Steadily losing money. \$72,000 deficit projected.
 - Would like to increase \$0.25 in lunches.
- Teachers are interested in board games for indoor recess. Please keep that in mind when you are spring cleaning.

Committee Reports

Arts in Education – Nancy Linardos

- Bucket Fillers
- Grand FalloonsK-5
- Strummin with Drummin K-5 on June 9th

- Two assemblies scheduled for Spirit Day.

Health & Wellness – Victoria Lamardo

- Victoria was not present. Unfortunately, Health & Wellness Fair did not have a good turnout.

SEPTA – Alesia Simco

- Open Forum, Mr. Ehmann attended and went over the budget.
- Next meeting May 9th at 7:00.
- Summer Reading Program at St. James Elementary.
- All principals will be notified if incoming kindergarten students receive services.

Council Delegate – Sally Schaefer

- Sally was not present.

Legislative Representative – Sally Schaefer

- Sally was not present.

SIT – Jamie Moses

- Jamie was not present.

Sunshine Fund – Liz Adams

- Due to a broken leg, Liz was not present. Anyone needing sunshine please let Liz know.

Spring Flowers – Michelle Engel

- Tomorrow is the flower pick up from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.
- We have volunteers, but if you'd like to help unload the truck it will be here at 12:15.

School Supply Kits – Michelle Engel

- Waiting on pricing.

Flower Give Away – Ellen Kyranakis

- Each child will receive a flower on May 5th.

Beautification –

- May 13 2:00-6:00 on school grounds.
- We need volunteers.
- Planting a Memorial Garden for Mr. Denaro.

Box Tops – Sue Fandozzi

- Ends May 13th, last one for the school year.
- We received a check for \$744.90 from Box Tops.
- We will have one winner, and then an overall winner.

Book Fair – Janet Burkert

- May 17th, same night as the budget vote.
- It is 5:00 to 9:00 in the cafeteria.
- Scholastic has different registers using scanners.
- Volunteers are need 3:00 to set up.

Staff Appreciation Day – Sue Caccavale, Victoria Lamardo

- May 19th – volunteers are needed to make something: dessert, appetizer, or bring drinks.

- The meal will be catered.
- Clipboard was passed around for sign up.

Field Day – Dierdre Brunner

- Make sure tee shirt order is in so we can place the order.
- Due tomorrow.

Kindergarten Orientation – Tracy Caban

- June 3rd – more information coming. Please check email.

PTA End of Year Dinner – Regina Ranaldo

- June 7th – it will be catered by the Sexy Salad of Hauppauge. It is \$10 per person. Flyers will be emailed.

Library Book Donation – Liz Alpert

- Donations are \$15 for dedications in books.

5th Grade Play – Patti Arrucci, Alesia Simco

- Will be working on scenery tomorrow.
- Volunteers are welcome to join us.
- Costumes due May 26th for rehearsal.
- Parents need to work together and make costumes as similar as possible.
- Flowers will be on sale the night of the play.

5th Grade Gift to School – Deedra Iandoli

- Tile mosaic that children will work on with the artist.
- Starry Night theme.

5th Grade Moving Up –

- June 22nd during school hours.
- No chair available now. Need chairperson and volunteers.
- Responsible for hospitality, setting up pictures/mementos.
- Chairperson cannot be a 5th grade parent.

Friendship Meet – Linda Finkelstein

- Held at Accomsett Middle School for Accomsett Elementary and Smithtown Elementary Schools.

Ducks Game – Ellen Kyranakis

- June 23rd – last day of school.

Nominating Committee – Patti Richards

- The slate for the 2011/12 school year:
 - President - Jennifer Russo
 - Vice President - Karen Mattschull
 - Treasurer – Ellen Kyranakis
 - Recording Secretary – Regina Ranaldo
 - Corresponding Secretary – Allyson Gelfand
- The floor was open for any nominations.
- Sue Fandozzi made the motion.
- All were in favor – the board for the 2011/12 school year has been approved.

Guest Speakers

Teddy Schneider – Senior at High School West

- Jog for Japan on May 14th. Money will go to Red Cross.

Mr. Nocero – Principal, Accomsett Middle School

- Starting 5th grade transition to middle school.
- Orientation for parent's tomorrow night.
- Formal orientation in August for students.
- Encouraged parents to get involved and join middle school PTA.

Joan Niles – Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

- Discussed budget, budget information fact sheets were made available.

Mr. Rossi – President, Board of Education

- Answered questions regarding the budget.
- Explained teacher negotiations, until both parties agree – negotiations can go on indefinitely.

Ellen Kyranakis concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for all the support she received from everyone. She wished the best of luck to Jennifer Russo.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Regina Ranaldo, Recording Secretary