

Parkway PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 16, 2016

7:00pm

The meeting was called to order

The October 2016 Minutes were approved

Mr. Scesney

- The kindergarten curriculum was discussed. The word walls are growing and students are discussing Thanksgiving. The students are also learning to form letters and to recognize numbers. Needs and wants are being discussed In Social Studies.
- The first grade curriculum was discussed. Students are writing about family, traditions and holidays and working on math facts.
- The second grade curriculum was discussed. Students are practicing addition and subtraction facts as well as place values. They are writing personal narratives and continue to work in guided reading groups. They are doing a food drive for needy families.
- The third grade curriculum was discussed. Students are learning about geographical features and how humans affect the earth. They are writing personal narratives and are working on story elements and inferences v. predictions. They are also working on memorizing their multiplication tables.
- The fourth grade curriculum was discussed. Students are writing personal narratives and continue working in guided reading groups. They are also learning about US Government and citizenship. In math they are doing multiplication problems. The day before Election Day, the students used chrome books to do a webquest about Election Day, the Electoral College, the presidential timeline and enjoyed Jeopardy Presidential Vocabulary.
- Site based progress was also discussed. New windows and doors are being installed. There will be a new fence enclosing the playground.
- 15 boxes of canned foods were donated to the Lion's Club
- Veterans came in on Monday and Ms. Reehil and Mrs. Hamrah made a sign depicting the American Flag and a "Thank You" made out of solo cups.
- The motion to rename the school "Judy Jacobs Parkway Elementary School" will be voted upon by the Board of Education on November 21st.

POB Blood Drive Guest Speaker, Colleen Mack-Savino

The blood drive is Monday December 12, 2016.

Please make every effort possible to sign up donors.

Selection of Nominating Committee

General Members

- Jill Diamond
- Natalie Blissard
- Alternate – Nikki Sacks

Executive Board

- Elysa Lepselter
- Kristin Pilatsky
- Jenn Shinsky
- Alternate – Hilary Starr

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Co-Presidents' Report - JoAnn Ciccarella, Sarah Bogaty

- Dr. Lewis presented the PTA Presidents with The Gifts of Failure. The book will be discussed on the evening of March 30th.
- The Community Survey is on the district website. Please fill out as soon as possible. The results will be discussed at the next Presidents/Superintendent Meeting.
- There was a password reset issue with the portal that is being resolved.
- The Board of Education will vote upon motion to rename the school "Judy Jacobs Parkway Elementary School."
- The latest District Report Card shows an increase in the Asian population in Plainview. The school district is monitoring to assess the need to add Asian holidays to the calendar. However, at the present time, no such additions are planned.

- PTA members attended a NYS PTA Conference that had Dr. Dewey as a guest speaker. His website is thisisyourbrainondrugs.org. PTA is presently inquiring as to having Dr. Dewey do a presentation for parents regarding alcohol and substance abuse.
- The Pride Survey was presented to 6th, 8th, 10th & 12 graders. POB is at or above the average for consumption of alcohol and drugs. This is the first time 6th graders appear to be above average
- Amy Spears wants to do a general public CPR certification, which will be either a 1, 2 or 4 hour certification
- Mattlin v. POB swimming debate continues. In POB, 5th, 6th & 7th graders are mandated to take swimming. 8th grade is optional. POB has asserted that swimming should be optional for all grades since Mattlin doesn't have a pool.

Treasurer - Melissa Shenkman

- Balance is \$23,000 and there are still two deposits that need to be made in the amounts of \$1,500 and \$2,500.

VP Communications –Steve Weiss

- The website is up to date with the minutes and the forms. There is also a 4th Grade Corner with information about the yearbook.

VP of Arts and Education

- The second graders had a program called “You’re in Charge” brought to us by Parents of Megan’s Law. The program discussed choices and how to respond to uncomfortable situations. Good touches and bad touches were discussed along with 10 rules of safety.
- The fourth graders were supposed to have a presentation similar to that of the second graders, but the presentation was cancelled due to the presenter.
- “Oceans Rock” will be presented to the first grade students in January.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Class Pictures - Picture retakes are scheduled for December 5th.

Parents' Night Out is Friday, November 18th, at Kobe Steak and Sushi. There will be various vendors and a DJ.

Pretzel Sale- The next sale is November 17th.

Spirit Wear – New orders should arriving on November 17th.

Halloween Party - The event was very successful and more profit was made than last year and students had a wonderful time.

Sited Based – The next meeting will be held on October 27th. We are continuing to get new doors and windows. A fence will be installed around the playground. For recess there are 3 aides and a teacher for supervision. A protocol is being discussed as to how best to address a child that gets sick at lunch. Other grade-appropriate programs are being discussed in lieu of the daily recitation of the anti-bully pledge

Nutrition – Whitsons has one year left of its contract with the district and then POB will solicit bids from other companies. POB will be asking for some type of healthier chicken in the next bid. A lot of people aren't happy with the processed chicken. Presently snacks are under the discretion of the principal as to what snacks each building provides.

March is National Nutrition Month and the middle schools and the high school will all have guest chefs.

Health – The next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd.

Transportation - Transportation is texting and emailing notifications of late buses. Transportation is also looking into some overlap routes to see if they can be changed for next year. When the contract expires, they are looking into getting GPS mapping in the buses. To ensure security, they want a uniform entry policy across all the schools and want to compile a list of prohibited people.

Curriculum – There is a meeting on November 17th. The music director, Mr. Rodgers, spoke and gave an overview of the music program. There will be a recorder concert in June. He wants to make sure there is equality between the schools for music pullout. The Musical Instrument Petting Zoo for 3rd graders is March 28th. NYSSMA

made a presentation at the MAPOB Meeting. There are going to be new music studios in the middle schools.

Mr. Braico discussed health instruction for grades K-4. The curriculum focuses upon germs and drug prevention. Kindergarten focuses on candy v. medicine. Second grade focuses on illicit drugs v. prescription drugs. Third grade focuses on medicine and cigarettes. Fourth grade focuses on puberty and how HIV is transmitted through open sores.

Title IX – The next meeting is scheduled for November 17th.

LIASONS

Mattlin Liason

- The Signature Project was discussed
- Digital Citizenship Week includes students dressing up and discussing internet safety.
- A Paint Night for the students is being planned.

High School Liason

- Parents' Night was successful.
- There are performances of "Dracula" on November 18th and November 19th.

SEPTA

- Paint Night was successful.

PRESENTATION BY MS. DENNIS

Ms. Dennis gave a wonderful presentation on the various library resources available to both students and parents.

The meeting was adourned.

The next meeting is January 12th at 9:30 a.m.

