

Parkway PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

9:30am

Meeting was called to order.

June 2015 Parkway PTA Minutes were approved.

Mr. Scesney

- Parents should call the children's teacher if you have any questions.
- The Kindergarten curriculum was discussed. Language Arts includes the following: launching writer's workshop, book shopping and guided reading. Math includes: geometry and number recognition. Foundations is being used for Kindergarten through Second Grade.
- The First Grade Curriculum was discussed and includes expressive ideas in writing, addition and subtraction in math, guided reading and learning about being part of a larger community.
- The Second Grade Curriculum was discussed which includes math fact families in addition and subtraction, citizenship and guided reading.
- The Third Grade Curriculum was discussed and includes writing personal narratives, mentor texts, mathematics with 3 digit numbers and guided reading.
- The Fourth Grade Curriculum was discussed and includes story elements pertaining to plot, character, setting, voice as well as guided reading. All four classes will spend a half day learning about Election Day.
- Parkway Handbook
- New windows are still being installed
- New playground was installed
- Please follow Parkway on Instagram
- Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills are taking place.
- The Fourth Grade Trip will be to the The Museum of Natural History where students will participate in a scavenger hunt.

Presentation from Mrs. Coakley

- Any medication given during school hours must be brought in by an adult.
- Allergies constitute 10% of the student population. Please abide by allergy lists for each class.
- Handwashing is essential
- Please send in extra clothing for students in K-2nd grade that may have accidents.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Co-Presidents' Report - JoAnn Ciccarella, Sarah Bogaty

- Portal Day for next year is August 23, 2017
- The first day of school will be the Tuesday after Labor Day.
- School will be closed on Election Day & Veterans' Day
- Smart Bond passed and includes 1.6 million dollars for wireless upgrades
- Music studios are being created in the High School.
- "Meet the Candidates Night" is October 27th at 7 p.m.
- There have been 37 requests for retirements, which permits a four year contract for teachers.
- 5th and 8th graders are getting Chrome devices tonight
- Dr. Lewis has requested that everyone refrain from disrespectful and negative comments about the district on social media
- PTA council Fundraiser, Murder Mystery Night, will take place on January 13th at The Woodbury Country Club. There will be raffles, gift bags and journal ads.
- PTA council met as a unit with the Board of Ed and discussed goals

Treasurer - Melissa Shenkman

- Balance as of October 15th is approximately \$24,000.
- Kidstuff invoice of \$2,300 remains outstanding and there is also more income to be submitted.

VP of Membership – Jen Novis

- There are presently 274 members.

VP Communications –Steve Weiss

- We are trying to keep website up to date
- Please review for updates and important information.

VP of Arts and Education – Kristin Pilatsky

- Fourth graders enjoyed the Journey's Program on October 17th. It was an all day program about Native Americans.
- Next month the Kindergarteners will participate in the Apple Cider Press.

VP of Fundraising Hilary Starr

- Discussion regarding Spirit Sticks and Candy/Gift Wrap.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Class Pictures - Class Pictures will be taken on October 25th.

Parents' Night Out- This event will take place on November 18th at Kobe Steak and Sushi. There will be food, various vendors and a DJ. The cost is \$35.

Kidstuff Books – 190 were sold and PTA made \$2300.

Pretzel Sale- Next sale is October 27th. 317 kids have pre-ordered

Spirit Wear – New order will be submitted soon. Spirit Wear on sale during meeting.

Halloween Party - The event will be held on October 28th. There will be a DJ, photo booth, games, pizza, balloon person and raffles.

Sited Based – The first meeting will take place on October 27th.

Nutrition – If a child needs lunch, they will never be turned away due to a low lunch fund balance. The high school may add another Grab-and-Go station because of limited time between classes. The high school is also testing fruit smoothies to see if they can replace fruit once a week.

Health - There will be a meeting on October 28th.

Transportation - If you have a questions, please email or call Transportation. Parents will be notified via email about late buses. Fifteen minutes is considered late. Looking into sending texts rather than email.

Curriculum – No report

Title IX – Next meeting is October 20th. Jessica Grant will be the Parkway liaison

LIASONS

Mattlin Liaison – Kristin Pilatsky

- Chrome books are being distributed tonight to 5th & 8th graders
- Pride Week is next week
- Pride Night is next Friday
- Picture Day went well

High School Liaison

- Pep Rally was October 14th
- Homecoming was October 15th
- High School celebrated 50 years

Next meeting is November 16th at 7:30 p.m.

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