

PTA Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2021

Welcome by PTA President Rohini Singh

Happy New Year everyone and thank you all for coming today.

We want to welcome all district personnel.

I know it's been a while but jumping back to before the holidays....we'd like to thank Manmeet and Harvey Singh, and Param and Rohini Singh, and the Gedanken and Weiss families for the two holiday lawn signs for the staff and teachers.

We want to thank Community Service Committee members for putting so much time and effort into all of the drives we've had over the holidays. We collected over 50 toys for Santa's Little Helpers, a significant amount of gift cards for our frontline workers, as well as gift cards for moms in need at Momma's House. The families were so very appreciative of our community.

We also had photo retakes earlier in December which went well.

Secretary's Report (Stephanie Richman)

The next Board of Education meeting is Thursday, January 14 @ 7:30 pm via Zoom. It is a budget workshop. The next general PTA meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7 pm via Zoom.

Treasurer's Report (Emily Wachtel)

Both the general and 5th grade budgets are in great standing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Service:

The PTA is currently collecting used new and gently used socks and shoes for the "Sole Purpose" campaign. We will be collecting stuffed toys for the elderly in February and March's effort is TBD.

Fifth Grade Committee:

The next ices sale will take place on January 29th. Ices are on sale via MemberHub through January 22. We've added a nut free option as well.

Hot chocolate/chocolate bomb sale for Valentine's Day will start this week on MemberHub and will be available for sale through January 29th.

Fifth Grade Yearbook:

The cover is in development and so are the design templates for each page. The committee has asked 5th grade teachers to take pictures of the kids. Booster information and requests for baby pictures will be coming in the next few weeks.

Fundraising 5th grade:

The Fifth Grade Puzzle Break happened in December and was a great success. The committee is looking at other events for the rest of the school year such as an event with DJ Chef.

Health and Safety:

The link to the cooking videos is still live and you can upload new videos.

Membership:

There are still a few outstanding families who have not yet paid their PTA membership dues so please make sure you have done so via MemberHub.

Reflections:

We also want to congratulate our reflections contest participants who entered the contest this year. Everything was entered virtually and all the participants will be receiving participation certificates this week. A big congrats to our school winners Chloe Day and Jasper Hsu who will receive Amazon gift cards.

SEPTA:

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25th at 7 pm and will focus on universal design for learning.

Virtual Game Night:

Please remember to register for January 28, 2021 for the "So Fun city" virtual event sponsored by the PTA. Everyone should wear their yellow Seaman class trip shirt. The games will be separated into two groups: 6-6:45pm for K-2nd grades and 7-7:45pm for 3rd-5th grades.

Read-A-Thon:

The Read-A-Thon will take place the week of February 26, 2021.

Sweatshirt Sale:

Merchandise will be in soon and will be sent home with the kids hopefully next week. The 5th grade t-shirts are being worked on.

We would like to congratulate Dr. Sherman on her new position as Assistant Superintendent where she will be replacing Barbara Bauer who is retiring. The PTA is so happy for Dr. Sherman and it goes without saying that you are such an asset to Seaman and it will be so hard for us to see you go. The students, staff and us parents will really miss you, but we're so lucky that you will be part of our administration and our children will get to be with you as they grow.

Dr. Sherman's Principal Report:

1. The school is trying to keep things fun for the kids and did a few special days before the holiday break.
2. All COVID protocols MUST be followed, especially as they relate to travel. Please contact Nurse Britvan if you have any questions. Health checks must be completed each day. There are still 20-30 people each day not completing the check.
3. The kids are being sent outside for recess whenever possible so please dress accordingly. Children can elect to stay inside if they wish.
4. Kindergarten registration has started. The packets can be downloaded and dropped off at the school. Individual appointments will be set up.

Our wonderful art teacher Mrs. Overmeyer has put together a wonderful presentation for us tonight on how children are finding ways to express themselves through art even in these challenging times.