

PTA Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2020

Welcome by Superintendent Grishman

Thank you to Ivy and all of the Seaman staff for creating such a wonderful environment for our children.

Wishing all families a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Welcome by PTA President Rohini Singh

Thank you all for coming today and we hope you will continue to support the PTA. Your presence and participation is extremely important to our kids and our school.

We have a guest speaker tonight, Nancy Lin, Seaman parent and an administrator at Nassau BOCES. After the committee reports, Nancy will be speaking to us about how we can support our children with their math learning, so I hope everyone stays for her wonderful and super informative presentation.

Please note that photo retakes are now scheduled for Wednesday, November 23rd.

The new consent forms were all collected, and the newest class lists went out November 11th.

Secretary's Report (Stephanie Richman)

The next Board of Education meeting is Thursday, November 19th @ 7:30 pm via Zoom. There is no general PTA meeting in December. The next PTA meeting will take place on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7 pm via Zoom.

Treasurer's Report (Rohini Singhi for Emily Wachtel)

All accounts are in good standing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The PTA sponsored the Pumpkin Patch on October 30th for all in-person and virtual students. Thank you to Dr. Sherman for letting us hold this great event and thank you to the Rubin family for donating the pumpkins, and to Cherilyn, Sahba and Tiffany for pulling it together so quickly.

Community Service:

Thank you to the Community Service Committee for working on the coat drive which was held October 19th to the 23rd. A lot of coats were collected, along with leftover Halloween candy. Community Service is also organizing the cards for Veterans and the Thanksgiving canned

food drive being held this week. Santa's Little All Stars is a drive-through event taking place December 6-13, 2020 at Broadway Mall to collect toys for children in shelters. Information will be sent out soon. We will also be collecting gift cards for essential workers. More information will be sent out on this effort with gift cards being sold through MemberHub.

Drive-In Movie Committee:

Our first ever drive-in movie event happened on Tuesday, November 10th and a great time was had by all. We are going to look into doing this type of event again next Spring, where hopefully we can hold the event at the school. Thank you to all of the sponsors, especially the Seaman families and the Tehrani family for donating sandwiches for one of the meals.

Seaman Connect:

Since our last meeting, there have been 4 new students come to Seaman (one in 5th grade, two in 4th grade and one in 2nd grade). There have been 22 new students join Seaman since the start of the school year.

Family Photo:

Family Photo Day was held on November 8th. Thank you to Maryam Tehrani for allowing us to use her beautiful home.

Fifth Grade Committee:

The first saucer sale was held Friday November 13th. Thank you to Dr. Sherman for allowing us to do the sale and for delivering the ice cream, and to Maria and Grace for organizing. The next one will take place on December 18th, featuring Marino Italian ices.

Amy has sent out information to the 5th grade on the Virtual Puzzle Break event taking place on December 4th when school is closed for parent-teacher conferences.

The Spirit Wear and 5th grade merchandise is available for sale on MemberHub through November 24, 2020.

Fifth Grade Yearbook:

Please keep uploading and sending in pictures. Pictures must be from events that took place on school grounds or were sponsored by the school. Pictures will be accepted until December 1st. Booster information will be coming in the next few weeks.

Fundraising 5th grade:

Working on wrapping paper fundraiser with Prestige/Ms. Chocolate. Information will be sent out next week.

Fundraisers General PTA:

The Funky Monkey fundraiser will take place on Friday, November 20th.

A discount book for Long Island stores, restaurants, etc., will be sold via MemberHub with a percentage of book sales going to the 5th grade PTA. The book will cost \$25 with free shipping and will be sent directly to your house. Sale of discount books will begin on November 30 and information will be sent out.

Health and Safety:

A flyer was distributed asking families to upload short cooking videos by December 2nd.

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:

The contest ended today, projects will be collected and judged, and entries will be submitted virtually.

SEPTA:

There was a good turnout for the November 16th meeting which featured an amazing presentation on siblings of children with special needs.

Virtual Game Night:

Save the date for January 28, 2021 for a "So Fun city" virtual event which will replace our usual Game Night at Round One. This event will be sponsored by the PTA with no cost to families. Everyone should wear their yellow Seaman class trip shirt. A flyer with the registration link will go out in early January 2021.

Community Read-in:

This event will be happening virtually and will incorporate a read-a thon.

Dr. Sherman's Principal Report:

Thank you to the Rubin family for donation 300 pumpkins for the Pumpkin Patch and to the PTA for organizing the event on such quick notice.

Teachers are working to plan monthly fun activities for the 5th grade. The first idea is to do a building-wide door decorating contest in February with the theme focused on Valentine's Day. The 5th graders will judge the contest and a prize will be given to the winning class.

The multicultural fair will be moved to May 2021. Hopefully it can be held partially outdoors. If not, the event may be all virtual.

Ms. O'Neill, our science teacher, has returned from caring for a sick family member. Ms. St. Nicholas is moving to the Jackson learning center.

Elementary school playgrounds will now be open to dusk.

COVID updates

1. Two weeks ago, there was a false positive which required schools be shut down. Notification was not received until 4 pm so contact tracing was unable to take place with enough time to allow school to open the next day. Mr. Grishman closed the schools in an abundance of caution. Confirmation that the test was actually negative was not received until Friday.
2. This week, the school received notification of a positive case early in the day allowing the Department of Health to do all contact tracing early enough that school could open the next day. One class is being quarantined.
3. It is the intention of Jericho Schools to stay open, however, if the Governor tells us to close, we will be forced to shut down.
4. Happy Thanksgiving to all of our Seaman families.

Nancy Lin's Presentation: