

Meeting Minutes  
Hewitt PTA Meeting  
November 15, 2016

- The meeting was called to order
  
- Quorum Count
  
- October 2016 minutes approved
  
- Mr. Duffy & Ms. Clancy - Education Foundation Grant
  - The grant included 10 Dashes (Explorer) and 10 Dots (Communicator)
  - Every student in grades K-5 will use the Dash and Dot robots
  - 1st & 3rd Grade have already used them
  - 2nd & 5th Grade are next to use them
  - 4th & K will be last
  - The first round with Dash and Dot will be getting to know how the robots work, the second round will be to challenge the students
  - Dash and Dot came with accessories and 5 apps
  - Mr. Duffy & Ms. Clancy recently wrote a PTA Grant for the launcher that can be used with Dash and Dot
  
- Tara Hackett - President's Report
  
- Representative from NY Blood Center - Diane Robinson
  - Blood Drive at Hewitt on 12/3- Please consider donating

- Thank you to Dawn Breene, Brianda Mennella & Kristine Iandiorio for a successful fair
  - We had great attendance, great weather and great feedback
  - The fair was a financial success we beat last year's goal
  - Thank you to Sharon Morin for her successful fundraising effort (Chairs and umbrellas)
  - Charleston Wrap fundraiser is currently underway
  - Tara Hackett is on the Class Balancing committee- if anyone has any feedback regarding class balancing please let her know
- Laura Altman - Co-President's Report
    - Attended District meeting - review from past meetings
    - Thank you to Stephanie Millien for attending annual PTA convention
      - Rivalry between Nassau and Suffolk school districts
      - Natural fire extinguisher - easy to use and safe
      - Interesting to hear other issues that don't affect our district
      - Approximately 40% of the districts that attended the convention were from rural areas
    - Today is the last day for any comments on ELA/Common standards
      - All comments will be reviewed and any come back with any revisions at the end of January 2017
      - They are asking for our input so be involved - changes would occur in 2018-2019
    - Support SSHS Holiday Boutique on December 6th
    - iPads for the 5th graders open for discussion on how they are implemented
    - Kindergarten registration is 1/12 at SSHS
  - Mrs. Pryke-Principal's Report

- Thank you for coming to the meeting
- Thank you to Mr. Duffy and Ms. Clancy for introducing Dash and Dot
- Thank you to Mrs. Volges and Ms. DiBrita for helping with the student elections
  
- Tonight is pajama night for the 2nd graders, first go the library to read a book, then to their classroom for a project
  - Tomorrow is ice cream day
  - Ashoken is November 30 (6:45am) -December 2nd (2:45), Mrs. Pryke is a chaperone for the trip
  - Mayor Murray is having a food drive
  - Kindergarten pick up time is now 3:20
  
- Katie Rockafort -Treasurer
  - Cash \$50,472.66
  - CD \$8,578.05
  - Interest (CD) \$8.99
  - Total \$59,059.70
  
- Melissa Livingston - 1st VP
  - Please volunteer to help at luncheon 12/9 11:45-1:30
  
- Liz Mullen- SEP Report
  - October meeting is scheduled for tomorrow
    - Diploma options
    - 12/5-12/9 inclusive schools week
  
- Sharon Morin - Fundraising

- Thank you for participating in the chair and umbrella fundraiser - we raised \$1,800
- Charleston wrap fundraiser is going on now
  
- Marlene Maccone - Birthday Book Club
  - Birthday Month - flyer will be sent home
    - Please donate \$20 to purchase a book in your child's honor to be displayed during their birthday month
  - Hewitt has partnered with Amazon associates award program - please shop on amazon via the Hewitt PTA page
  
- Volunteer for Hewitt's holiday boutique - December 13th & 14th
  
- Next Meeting - January 11, 2017 @ 9:15am
  
- Meeting Adjourned