

## Meeting Minutes

### Hewitt PTA Meeting February 13, 2019

- The meeting was called to order/sign-in
- Quorum Count - sufficient for a vote
- November minutes approved
- Marleen Maccone – President’s Report
  - Congratulations to our Reflections Participants and to the First recipient of the Hewitt PTA Hero Award which went to Mark Albarano for dedicating his life to serving and protecting the public as a newly retired 26-year veteran NYPD Police officer.
  - Holiday Boutique was a success
    - New Vendor “Little Treasures” seems to be well received
  - Holiday Staff Luncheon was a success
    - Indoor recess equipment was presented to the teachers
  - First off-site PTA meeting held in December at Polka Dot Pound Cake (Chamber of Commerce partner)
  - Kindergarten orientation held at the end of January was a success; thank you to those that volunteered.
  - On 2/15 Hewitt will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school
  - The Ultimate Sports Wrap fundraiser is going well and there are more available. Contact Nicole Hoenig to order yours.
- Katie Rocafort – President’s Report
  - Nominating Committee (made up of 3 executive board members, 3 committee members and Co-Presidents) –
    - Slate: Nicole Hoenig, Gina Bounds, Cara St. John, Brie Ellwood, Marlene Albarano, Laura Altman, Marleen Maccone, Katie Rocafort
    - Slate approved
  - If interested in becoming involved in the PTA for the upcoming school year, please contact Katie and Marleen
  - Board of Education update –
    - Changes to one size fits all approach at the high school level
      - Special class for grades 9-12 for GAP students to obtain regents level NY State diploma
      - 11<sup>th</sup> grade IB vs. Regents choice approved – class will be co-enrolled
      - SSHS Committee formed to assess redistribution of workload
    - 2019/20 Draft Calendar available. School will start after Labor Day and will end last week of June
  - Presidents’ Meeting update
    - New RVCPD Commissioner stressed officers to be more present and familiar with schools
    - RVCPD has live feed to our security system and have passes into the school
    - Office DeLuca was promoted and Dennis Clark is the new youth officer
    - To address aggressive/distracted driving near schools, RVC is considering adding crosswalks by Riverside and Hewitt

- Mrs. Pryke – Principal’s Message
  - PARP information and projects were sent home today-
    - Marleen Maccone –
      - New spin on PARP this year. Child and partner choose their own reading material and select a project to be presented by child during the PARP season.
      - Projects suggested are: for grades K-1 (art project, dress-up, or bookworm story detail), 2-3 (diorama, mobile, decorated cereal box), 4-5 (movie poster, comic strip, book review). Children do not have to do the suggested project can choose their own idea.
  - Kindness Week
    - Theme: “Kindness Begins with Me”
    - Recognizing simple acts of kindness and keeping track of acts in school and at home.
  - Kindergarten Orientation went well
  - Classes planned for next year
    - 69 incoming Kindergarteners are registered and there are 6 outstanding packets – will be 3 kindergarten classes planned for next year
    - There will be (3) 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes planned for 69 students
    - There will be (3) 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes planned for 72 students
    - There will be (4) 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes planned for 81 students
    - There will be (4) 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes planned for 83 students
    - There will be (3) 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes planned for 74 students
  - PTA has been instrumental in providing “Must Read” books to teachers.
- Treasurer’s report
  - Information as of 1/31/2019
    - Checking Balance: \$49,365.69
    - Money Market: \$8,700.69
    - Other assets: \$1,734.00
    - Total Assets: \$59,800.38
    - Income (7/1/16-1/31/19): \$62,414.45
    - Expenses: \$35,750.40
    - Net Income: \$26,664.05
- Executive Board Reports
  - Fundraising – Nicole Hoenig
    - Yankee Game on 5/19 – 90 seats are available
    - Square1 Art – Kids are working on drawings now. Form will go home in March.
  - Staff luncheon – Kristine Iandiorio
    - Will need someone to run things on 3/29 as Kristine is unavailable
    - Signups via MSA to come
  - SEP – Katie Rocafort for Gina Bounds
    - 2/26 camp fair at SSSH 7pm
- Committee Reports
  - Curriculum – Jill McDaid

- Changes mostly at HS level
  - Elementary Math – found that for grades 3-5 NY State test was a fair assessment
    - Students must show work. If correct answer given without showing work, no credit is applied.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committees – Laura Altman
  - Dates being finalized
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip will be to Rolling River Day Camp (will include 4 sports, DJ Dance, food and drinks and parents are invited)
    - No cost to families
    - Looking at Friday 5/31
  - Graduation Party to be held at the Recreation Center on Wed 6/26
  - Graduation Ceremony on 6/27
  - Yearbook
    - 5<sup>th</sup> grade pages almost complete (some missing pictures etc.)
    - Ads and Love lines to come
    - Younger grade picture submittal request to come
    - Purchase for \$25 through 3/31
    - Theme: Kindness
- Drug and Alcohol Committee- Jen Bohan
  - Speaker Dr. Dewy with effects of vaping and other drugs on the adolescent brain to be held on 3/20 at SSHS at 7pm for students grades 6-12 and all parents
  - Vaping – Dialogue should start earlier than middle school
  - SSMS will be installing vaping sensors in bathrooms
  - Legalization of Marijuana-
    - Community forums in Nassau County (Nassau county may opt out of legalization of Marijuana)
      - 2/27 7pm - Town of North Hempstead at Manhasset Town Hall
      - 3/5 7pm - Town of Hempstead at Hempstead Town Hall
      - 3/6 7pm - Town of Oyster Bay at Oyster Bay Town Hall
- Website – Marisa Neri
  - Website was down for 2-3 days but is back up now
  - Web security has been added
- School Kits – Surri Weisenburger
  - Home Delivery only this year (August delivery)
  - Sunshine kids to get free or discounted kits
- Scholastic Book Fair to be held in March
  - Will coincide with PARP
  - 3/5-3/7 times to be determined
  - Volunteer signups via MSA
- Girls Night Out – Robin Turano
  - To be held on 3/22 in the Hewitt gym
  - Theme: “A Star is Born”
  - 1 guest per girl
- March PTA meeting will be on Tuesday 3/19 at 9:15am
- Meeting Adjourned