

Floral Park Bellerose School PTA

Thursday, February 11, 2021

7:00 PM

Rosalie called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Recited pledge of allegiance.

Welcomed Dr. Sottile, Ms. Adams, Ms. Seibert, Officer Viscusi, Nurse Nora and everyone else on.

Rosalie proceeded to introduce the PTA Board and thanked the board for their service. Acknowledged everyone who has volunteered.

NYS PTA has given information for the PTA community has requested involvement with a vote???

FPBS has asked us to inform parents the maintenance men must remove the snow completely and if your child is out sick due to vomiting, they must have a letter of return from the doctor.

If you did not pay your PTA dues you likely didn't receive any emails which go through member hub. Everything is digital currently and moving.

Amanda made a motion to waive a reading of the minutes because we could not post. We have events coming up right... support the local bagel store who has donated to us. Yoga classes are coming up

Some people have called inquiring about assemblies. As the PTA president I try to keep a certain amount of funding in the account for future PTA's. Many companies are still asking for large sums of money to schedule events. Because of that we are trying to get local businesses involved that can do events like PartyArt and Yoga we'd love to offer it. The book sale is postponed due to COVID. Picture day photos can still be purchased. Ordering is still open. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade group photos are being planned for April. Contact Jane Helfman if you are having any financial issues. Rosalie understands that people are uncomfortable with the zoom meetings and not showing their face.

Lisa - Treasurer report \$15,632 current balance with \$2,232 outstanding checks leaving \$13,400 remaining balance. We had the holiday fair virtually we anticipate receiving \$800 from that and the holiday mystery gift bag box brought in \$350 which did well at the last minute. Melissa stated her husband was thrilled with the charger that came in the bag. Funds from picture day do not arrive until the end of the school year. Any questions let me know.

Theresa King advised they are building a book share over at JLC also.

Melissa thanked everyone for their continued support. Received many thank you for the document cameras and the snow much to read party art activities.

Deidre stated we need volunteers. She has one more year left and we cannot have a PTA without parents willing to hold these positions. President, recording secretary and treasurer are required positions. To renew your PTA membership go to our website because you can't vote if you aren't a

member. There is a PTA Facebook page and website so there are many ways to get in touch with us about how you can volunteer.

Maggie Weickert – The first thing that needs to happen is the nominating committee needs to be complete. The work is pretty minimal. The committee slates the board for the election in April. If anyone is interested in joining the nominating committee just contact [Maggie.Weickert@gmail.com](mailto:Maggie.Weickert@gmail.com). We need one additional general member. We are looking for anyone who is interested in serving in the positions for the Board. If you don't know where you will fit just reach out and I can identify open spots

Rosalie introduced Dr. Sottile. I want to wish everyone a great break. Want to publicly congratulate Jaime for her retirement. Want to thank you for the document scanners they are thrilled with the donation. Thanks to the PTA for all you do. You will see me in the near future to make some recommendations for the recruitment committee for Ms. Adams position. Its going to be a tricky budget season as this is the first year the debt budget will come into play. More information to come on that. Thanks to those who reached out when I had COVID and thanks to Matt whos always there when I need him.

Officer Viscusi – First thing is zoom and internet safety. Major issue with inappropriate behavior on zoom. It's a national issue and I'm in touch with the Nassau County PD. We have a responsibility to explain to our children's expectations around responsible digital use. I will be going into each classroom. I'm going to be stern officer Matt. Bullying is out of control and I will discuss stranger danger. Will discuss what a policeperson looks and acts like which is in direct response to what happened in Lindenhurst. In addition, who the kids are gaming with are an issue. New app that is popular mainly for teenagers but Omegle matches you with people who have similar interests, and you can video chat. Obviously, a breeding ground for malicious behaviors. Parking at arrival and dismissal. You cannot park illegally just because there is snow on the ground. People will be ticketed. I don't want to give tickets out but if you aren't following the rules, they will give out tickets. Operation Safe Child I will be in the school March 4, 10. I want to publicly thank Ms. Adams for the wonderful working relationship we have had. Have a great break.

Nurse Nora – Not much has changed in the COVID regulations. This past week and a half has been especially challenging there are repeat offenders who are bringing children in without a clearance letter. Recently a parent felt she didn't have to wait for her sons COVID test. State regulation mandates a clearance letter is provided. If they have COVID symptoms they must be cleared by the physician. They are not required to get a covid test. It was decided as a district the doctor should make the call. After Christmas and holiday break we had a spike. I'm hoping we don't have similar situation after the break. We are hoping as vaccinations go up the state regulations will loosen up.

Adams thanked the board and mentioned it took a lot to retire. Thanks to Rosalie. Not many people can go from a Survivor winner to a pandemic. Thank you for supporting our artic adventure park and party art. We have a shared decision-making committee where we will be speaking about diversity. We will share out a request to have families contribute to an international cookbook. We are trying to diversify our words without using gender specific pronouns. I want to echo what Matt said with respect to safety around parking. Please park legally and walk your children to school. The parking lot has become an issue as well. Many parents are backing out of the parking lot. We talked about self-care and we don't always think about it and we have to model it for our children. Please review for the information about screen time as well. Thanks to everyone who participated in the committee. The book of the month is

on the website. It a celebration of love, culture and dance. After the break the DEI movement donated books. This week is kindness week. The Operation Respect students chose the school spirit choices. Next week is Random Acts of Kindness week even though it's a vacation week. We moving parent teacher conferences up enabling parents to work with teachers and ensure kids are getting what they need. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders just had a virtual visit from the DNA lab. And junior achievement started this week for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders and concluded for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Mrs. Seibert will speak more about the academics.

Ms. Seibert – thanks everyone. Going to start with the document cameras. It's a great addition to the tech they are using every day. They are using it to engage kids in read aloud, to display math manipulatives, highlighting student work, annotate text, etc. It allows the teachers to integrate physical objects into their lesson. Versatile tool that brings learning to life. We asked teachers to share some things the teachers are doing with the kids. Slideshow presentation was shared.

Rosalie – that was a beautiful presentation. Thank you, Ms. Seibert.

Sk – Hello everyone. I guess we have an opportunity for anyone to ask questions or give comments. Thanks again to Ms. Adams for your time and service. I've been here for 2 years and the decision to move here was based on the school. Its been a great fit for us. If there are no questions, we will spin the wheel.

Evita Nepal-Naraine – Giving me a lot of ideas for the PTA at my school. I wish the PTA at my school ran like your does. I'm a remote teacher and that's why I recommended Padlet. It's a great tool and its free. IF anyone needs help feel free to connect with me.

Rosalie – we are looking forward to another awesome 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. March Math Madness. And we are aiming for the plant sale and picture day. Thanks to all the first responders and those who past over the last year. Happy Valentines Day. Next PTA meeting April 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm. Will announce at a later date for another meeting to be scheduled. Sixth grade MacBook raffle. Email Nancy Eisenhuth about that. Meeting adjourned at 8:23.