

PTA General Meeting

Wednesday 9/18/2024

Attendees- PTA Board (Susan St Joy, Christina Donello, Shana Myones, Kate Trainor, Jackie Payoute, Pauline Ferrante), School Administration (Mr. DeKams, Mr. Elka) District Administration (Superintendent Ruiz, Dr. Rufa) 28 attendees

Meeting began at 7:05pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation for the Floral Park Bellerose Education Fund- Tom and Victoria MacLean

- The fund will close the gaps where the PTA and the School are limited
- Provide teacher lead projects and campaigns with the funding to enrich children in either or both schools, depending on the scale and scope of the project
- Currently, applications are open online (Nov 1st deadline) and the Fund hopes to fulfill 4 grants this pilot year)
- Q&A
 - Application process and selection of grantees? Grants provided on a yearly schedule. Once applications are submitted, about a month to review; announced in January, fundraising will commence and grants will be distributed
 - Applications are only available to educators? Yes, but where they get their ideas can come from parents, students and others.
 - Sense of other Funds? Wide range; some provide materials. For this fund, the purpose is to enhance the educator's lessons and funding is not provided in existing budget
 - Will grant funded projects extend to both schools? Depends on the size and scale of the project and if it covers the existing curriculum shared among the district (grade level project).
 - Where to donate? Online
 - Since grants are approved before fundraising starts, what will happen if there isn't enough money raised? The project will not be funded.

Principal's introduction

- Proud principal for the last 4 years
- Dad of 4

Vice Principal's introduction

- Bayside native
- Uncle of 4 nieces and nephews
- very happy to part of the FPBS community

Superintendent's introduction

- Launched 5 year strategic plan for the district. Please look at it on the district website

Principal's Report

- PTA recognized as a PTA School of Excellence
- Communication is very important
 - Friday Footnotes
 - Facebook Page
 - Parent Square
 - School website

- NYS Safety Protocol Updates
 - Parents are notified of Fire Drills and Lockdowns
 - Cannot provide date and time of drills, for security purposes
 - 12 for the year (6 are evacuations and 2 lockdown)
- Code of Conduct updated
 - Sent home in addition to digital sign off
 - Dignity for all students
- PBIS-Positive Behavioral Intervention Support
 - Proactive in teaching kindness, respect
 - teachers have autonomy for the classrooms
 - school wide shared language
- Monday morning announcement PBIS expectation for the week
 - all kids hear the same message
 - Already seeing positive encouragement in students

PTA President's Report-Susan St Joy

- School of Excellence review
 - Collaborative effort to improve our weakest point as identified by the community
 - worked very hard all year to make improvements

Treasurer's Update- Kate Trainor

- Fundraisers fund all of our Givebacks
 - Audit passed
 - Taxes Filed
 - as of 9/18/24 bank account \$46,022.28
 - projecting to spending ~\$31,750 for giveback events
- Thank you to all the volunteers

PTA Event Updates-Susan St Joy

- Popsicle and playgrounds
- Chalk the Walk
- Welcome Back Staff Breakfast
- New! Reflection of the Arts
 - Showcase the talents

Upcoming events

- 9/26 Mums Pick Up 4-6PM
- 9/27
 - Mums Sale and Pick up 3:30-7:3-PM
 - Go For Gold-Childhood Cancer Awareness
 - Hoops for Hope-Community Fundraiser for St. Baldricks, 100% proceeds will go to St. Baldricks, 6:30PM New Gym
 - Family Picnic and Movie Night 7PM FPBS Back Fields

October Events

- Picture day (10/2 & 10/3)
- Moms night out 10/4 7PM at Fallon's
- Picture day retake
- PTA Meeting 10/15 7PM
- 10/22-10/25 Scholastic Book Fair
- 10/25 PTA Halloween Party 5PM

Fundraiser Updates

- School Supply Fundraiser- Partnership with Raindeew Pharmacy
 - 80 orders- PTA Profit \$1000

- Fall Mums Sale
 - pre order sales, just under \$2500
 - In Person Sale 9/27 (3:30-7:30)
- Hoops for Hope- 100% proceeds will go to St Baldrick's
- Pie Sale
 - Forms in backpacks
 - Orders due 10/20
 - Pickup 11/26
- Spiritwear
 - As of 9/16/24
 - Products sold 74
 - Gross Sales \$1818.27
 - PTA Commission earned \$181.86
- Membership updates
 - Eligible for early bird award
 - 171 out of 332
 - Trailblazer award in October
 - we should earn 75% of membership goal
 - Business can become members!

PTA Lingo

- PTA Fundraiser
 - Proceeds benefit PTA
 - Funds go towards PTA events in school, activities and supplies
- Community Fundraiser
 - Fundraisers that bridge the PTA with other organizations
 - These donations benefit other causes that are important to our community
- Givebacks
 - Events sponsored by the PTA that is funded by PTA
 - Every 1 Fundraiser must have 3 Givebacks

Raffle Drawing

Q&A

Question- Can Dad's have a Dad's Night Out event?

Answer- Yes, PTA will need a chair to coordinate event. Suggestion to have the name changed to "Parents' Night Out". Potentially an event in the Spring in a larger venue

Question- Can PTA funds go toward fixing the problems on the playground and fields so kids can utilize those spaces instead of kids using blacktop for recess?

Answer- PTA funds cannot go toward building improvements, which should be covered in the operational budget the school. The Board of Education has a committee for Maintenance of School buildings, might be helpful to allocate funds to the flooding issues on playground.