

Branch of the National  
*Floral Park Bellerose School*  
PTA

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

At 7:01 pm, PTA Co-President Mercedes Reyes virtual PTA meeting to order held via ZOOM.

Mercedes Reyes led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Treasure's Report**

- Treasurer Lisa Condran presented budget report. She is waiting on the final number for the holiday fair.

### **Highlights from Administration presented by John DeKams**

- **Mask Mandate:** Mr. DeKams discussed the mask mandate and read in Superintendent Dr. Stottile's email correspondence.
  - There will be further updates to follow after the hearing on Friday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- **Winter Concert:** Mr. DeKams discussed the Winter Concert held on January 20<sup>th</sup> both in person and on ZOOM. He congratulated all student performers, directors, teachers, and administrators for an excellent job. The Winter Concert was professionally recorded.
- **Evacuation Drill:** Facilities and Transportation Department conducted a evacuation drill on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This evacuation procedure drill was conducted in the event students and faculty cannot return to the building. The administration will work with a detailed plan once the FPBS students and faculty arrive to Floral Park Memorial.
- **Kindness Week:** Mr. DeKams announced the kindness week events.
- **Superbowl Soup Challenge:** Mr. DeKams announced the food donation initiative.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** – The dates will be announced soon.
- PTA tours to begin in next few weeks
- **Shared Decision-Making Committee:** The committee meets again on Monday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
- **Channel 12:** News Channel 12 will be present at FPBS School on Tuesday morning to do a segment on the Discovery Lab.

### **Administration Announcements presented by Dominique Seibert**

- **Book of the Month:** Ms. Seibert announced the Book of the Month – They All Saw a Cat- Caldecott Winner.
- **Read-a-Loud Initiative:** Discussion of continued Read-a-Loud through mirror and window stories.
- **Home and School Learning Connection:** Administration is working on developing ways to foster the home to school learning connection.

### **Introduction from Officer Kelly**

- Officer Kelly Murphy is the new school officer replacing Sergeant Matt Viscusi. Officer Murphy briefly discussed Operation Safe Child

### **Nominating Committee**

- Allison Saavedra announced that Meredith Naughton is chair of the Nominating Committee. Meredith Naughton is looking for board members and PTA parent volunteers to join the committee. There will be two vacant positions: Treasurer and Vice President.

### **Grant Request Approval Vote**

- A five-thousand-dollar private donation was made to the FPBS and JLC discovery lab. Allison Saavedra led the vote for the grant approval. Grant was approved by over 35 of 53 participants on the PTA meeting.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Operation Safe Child to start Thursday January 27<sup>th</sup>. Cheryl Spigonardo asked for volunteers to help with this event.
- Meeting concluded with a pie raffle organized by Allison Saavedra. Winners Announced.

Motion to Adjourn by President Mercedes Reyes.