

# May 2024 PTO Minutes

May 8, 2023

Call to Order - 7:08 pm

<p>Board Members in Attendance</p>	<p>Nicole Moore (President) Tracey Kilinski (Vice President, Grade Level Oversight) Gwen Perdomo (Treasurer) Rebecca Stark-Gendrano (Recording Secretary) Cassie Muratore (Co-Correspondence Secretary) Heather Anderson (Co-Correspondence Secretary) Beth Willoughby (Teacher Liaison)</p>																		
<p>Principal's Round Table, Presented by Nicole Moore</p>	<p><b>NJSLA TESTING- Grades 3-5 ONLY</b></p> <p>The New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) are required assessments that measure student proficiency with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science components administered from - May 14- 22, 2024 for our 3rd-5th graders</p> <p><b>NJSLA SCHEDULE</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="482 1083 1235 1524"> <tr> <td>Mon, 5/13</td> <td>NJSLA - Kick OFF-Warrior Arts Pep Rally</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues, 5/14</td> <td>NJSLA - Grades 3 - 5 - MATH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Weds, 5/15</td> <td>NJSLA - Grades 3 - 5 - MATH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thurs, 5/16</td> <td>NJSLA - Grades 3 - 5- ELA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri, 5/17</td> <td>NJSLA - Grades 3 - 5- ELA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues, 5/21</td> <td>NJSLA - Grade 5 - Science</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Weds, 5/22</td> <td>NJSLA - Grade 5 - Science</td> </tr> </table> <p>Please ensure your child attends school on time with a fully charged Chromebook to support the federal requirement in administering these assessments.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT DATES</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="482 1772 1427 1894"> <tr> <td>Fri, 5/17</td> <td>3rd Grade Cultural Fair</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed, 5/22</td> <td>Kindergarten Parent Orientation, 6:00–7:30 pm</td> </tr> </table>	Mon, 5/13	NJSLA - Kick OFF-Warrior Arts Pep Rally	Tues, 5/14	NJSLA - Grades 3 - 5 - MATH	Weds, 5/15	NJSLA - Grades 3 - 5 - MATH	Thurs, 5/16	NJSLA - Grades 3 - 5- ELA	Fri, 5/17	NJSLA - Grades 3 - 5- ELA	Tues, 5/21	NJSLA - Grade 5 - Science	Weds, 5/22	NJSLA - Grade 5 - Science	Fri, 5/17	3rd Grade Cultural Fair	Wed, 5/22	Kindergarten Parent Orientation, 6:00–7:30 pm
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Wed, 5/29	2nd Grade Field Trip to Turtle Back Zoo 5th Grade Students evening visit to LMS
Fri, 5/31	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Ellis Island LMS Guidance Counselors to visit with 5th Grade Students at FABER Kindergarten Staycation Field Trip (Faber Fields or Gym)
Mon, 6/3	4th/5th Grade Achievement Awards BOGO Scholastic Book Fair
Tues, 6/4	BOGO Scholastic Book Fair
Weds, 6/5	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Young Authors, 9am–10am BOGO Scholastic Book Fair
Thurs, 6/6	5th Grade Field Trip, Liberty Science Center BOGO Scholastic Book Fair
Fri, 6/7	5th Grade Farewell Early Dismissal - KINDERGARTEN ONLY BOGO Scholastic Book Fair
Mon, 6/10	5th Grade Farewell (Rain Date) Early Dismissal - KINDERGARTEN ONLY
Tues, 6/11	Early Dismissal - KINDERGARTEN ONLY
Wed, 6/12	Early Dismissal – all students Kindergarten Proud Day – 10AM–12PM
Thur, 6/13	Early Dismissal – all students Preschool Celebration – Gym, 10AM–12PM Kindergarten Luau - Playground/fields, 10AM–11AM
Fri, 6/14	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - ½ day dismissal
<p>Lastly we want to give a big thank you to the PTO for the wonderful food for Teacher Appreciation Week. We can't thank you enough for all the wonderful support for our staff.</p> <p>Picking Up a Student Early - If the need arises for you to pick your student up early from school, kindly notify BOTH the student's teacher and the main office (732-400-5900, option #1)</p> <p>All notices can be found in our VIRTUAL BACKPACK and website.</p>	

<p>Nicole Moore, <i>President</i></p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm</p>
<p>Gwen Perdomo - <i>Treasurer's Report</i></p>	<p>Opening Balance: \$45,801.77 Closing Balance: \$51,202.48</p> <p>Money was taken out for the storage unit fee, prizes for tricky tray, raffle license fee, a new coffee maker for the teachers at Faber, tables and chairs that we rented for Tricky Tray, the Planetarium assembly, and poster printing at Staples.</p> <p>Money came in for Tricky Tray tickets, shirts for the Fifth Grade Farewell and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion, Box tops, and donations for Teacher Appreciation</p> <p>A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jasmine Ramos The motion was seconded by Erica Cairoli</p>
<p>Rebecca Gendrano - <i>Minutes</i></p>	<p>A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jasmine Ramos The motion was seconded by Erica Cairoli.</p>
<p>Nicole Moore - <i>President's Report</i></p>	<p>Tricky Tray was a very successful event. Thank you to everyone who helped out and contributed to the event. We raised \$27,932.58. Our profit was \$23,884.36. The DEA was able to help us, but not as much as in previous years. We purchased some big-ticket items (such as the PS5). We had a few less people than last year, but we raised just \$800 less than last year. Everyone really enjoyed the prize wheel. We made more than \$900 on this game. We know we have enough to fund the year and keep giving back to the school.</p> <p>We have had some requests since the last meeting, and we needed to make decisions on these since they needed answers right away.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Black Student Union wanted to do a field trip to the Smithsonian Museum of African American History. The students went on Monday and enjoyed a great day trip down to DC.</li> <li>• Mr. Geiger reached out about the Faber Honors Choir performance on Saturday. He wanted tee-shirts that all of the students could wear, and we provided 8 shirts earlier this week.</li> <li>• Finally, the last request was to assist with caps and gowns from Ms. Piano. Typically, caps and gowns contribute money along with the school and the senior class. Project Graduation is in the process of finishing up a few fundraisers, and the funds from this will go toward caps and gowns. The final amount of our donation will depend on the amount that Project Graduation is able to raise. We also need to confirm how much the school can</li> </ul>

	<p>contribute. We should know the next amount by the next meeting.</p> <p>We received inquiries about using our 360 Photo Booth, and we have decided to charge \$200 per event. One of the board members will need to be present at every use of the equipment to ensure that everyone remains safe. More will come up with this, but this is where we are beginning with it. We tried it out for the first time at Tricky Tray, and we had several people enjoy it.</p> <p><b>Board Nominations:</b> I called everyone who was nominated for a position on the board. We had at least two people nominated for each position. However, we do not need to have a vote for tonight because we have one person for every position. Cassie is stepping down, but we have a new member. I had announced that I was stepping down, but I will stay on as co-president for next year along with a new co-president. Mr. Tennant is happy to have that continuity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicole Moore was nominated for and accepted her position as co-president.</li> <li>• Rebecca Gendrano was nominated for and accepted her position as co-president</li> <li>• Maria Bartman was nominated for and accepted her position as VP for Committee Oversight</li> <li>• Tracy Kilinski was nominated for and accepted her position as VP for Grade Level Oversight</li> <li>• Gwen Perdomo was nominated for and accepted her position as Treasurer</li> <li>• Jasmine Ramose was nominated for and accepted her position as Recording Secretary</li> <li>• Heather Anderson was nominated for and accepted her position as Corresponding Secretary</li> <li>• Beth Willoughby was nominated for and accepted her position as Teacher Liaison.</li> </ul> <p>Our meeting in June will be when the new board takes over. Congratulations to everyone on the board next year. Cassie will still help with the website updates.</p>
<p>Maria Bartman - VP, Committee Oversight</p>	<p>Teacher Appreciation is ongoing. Thank you to Meghan Portik for coordinating everything. Jasmine, thank you so much for your donation from your restaurant. The teachers were really happy with their lunch today! We'll have one more day tomorrow with desserts.</p> <p>The book fair takes place from June 3 to June 7. Please save the date.</p>

	<p>Fifth Grade farewell takes place on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Fourth grade parents are needed to chaperone. It's a great opportunity to see what previous grades have done.</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion is taking place on June 13<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<p>Tracy Kilinski - <i>VP, Grade Level Oversight</i></p>	<p>The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade cultural fair will be on 5/17. The only thing we need is a few volunteers per class to manage the tables and the food. Those emails will go out tonight to solicit volunteers, so that I can provide that to the office.</p> <p>End of year parties will take place on 6/13 for Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The other grade years will have their parties on the last day of school. The general emails for end of year parties will go out this weekend, so keep your eyes peeled for that. The fifth grade party is usually a breakfast with bagels and juices. We will get clarification soon on who is providing the bagels this year.</p>
<p>Beth Willoughby - <i>Teacher Liaison</i></p>	<p>Everything has been wonderful this week, and the teachers are raving about the food. For Faber School, remember that books are due on the 10<sup>th</sup> because we need to pack everything up.</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>We do not yet know when Field Day is taking place. For volunteers, we will send an email out to the entire PTO, rather than having the classroom parent reach out to get volunteers.</p> <p>There was a question around about doing the color themed tee-shirts for field day, since it's a nice way to build community for the kids. We should mention it to Mr. Tennant when he comes to the June meeting.</p> <p>Color Run is taking place on June 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>Our next meeting is June 5<sup>th</sup>, and it will be both virtual and in person</p>
<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm</p>