

June PTO Minutes

June 9, 2022

Call to Order: 7:16

<p>Board Members in Attendance:</p>	<p>Nicole Moore (President) Maria Bartman Kowalik (Co-Vice President, Committee Chair) Tracey Kilinski (Co-Vice President, Grade Level Oversight) Gwen Perdomo (Treasurer) Rebecca Stark-Gendrano (Recording Secretary) Elizabeth Willoughby (Teacher Liaison)</p>
<p>Mr Tennant - Principal's Round Table</p>	<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>6/13 - Kindergarten Orientation in the Faber Gym at 6pm</p> <p>6/14 - Field Day (Rain Date is Wednesday, June 15). Students are to wear class colors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pre-K - White● Kindergarten - Green● 1st grade - Orange● 2nd grade - Yellow● 3rd grade - Red● 4th grade - Blue● 5th grade - Black <p>6/15 - Academic Awards night for 4th and 5th grade. Attendance is by invitation only for students who have won awards.</p> <p>6/16 - 5th Grade Farewell kickball game</p> <p>6-16 thru 6/21 - Half days for kindergarten only</p> <p>6/17 - No School</p> <p>6/22 thru 6/28 - Half days for all students</p> <p>6/23 - Kindergarten Proud Day</p> <p>6/24 - Pre-School Celebration and Kindergarten Luau</p> <p>6/28 - Last Day of School</p> <p>CLASSROOM UPDATES</p> <p>PRE-K: Ms. Keen's class is learning about the life cycle of bees for science, simple addition and subtraction for math, and the letter J for language arts. Ms. Lowry's class is learning about the letter J, counting watermelon seeds for</p>

	<p>math, and learning about the life cycle of the butterfly for science. Ms. Knowles' class is working on counting and sound, and learning about rainbow fish.</p> <p>KINDERGARTEN: Students are practicing for Proud Day. They are celebrating "alphabackwards" with dress-up themes. Ms. Scolaro's class is hatching baby chicks.</p> <p>1ST GRADE: Students working on their poetry unit and preparing for Young Authors Day. They are learning about space for science, and fractions for math.</p> <p>2ND GRADE: Students are writing opinion pieces, going through addition and subtraction of numbers up to 1000. They are also excited about their first in-person Field Day.</p> <p>3RD GRADE: They had their cultural heritage festival with a lot of families in attendance. In science, they are working on life structures. In math, they are practicing fractions and measurements.</p> <p>4TH GRADE: In Ms. Palmers' and Ms. Praul's classes, students are reading Tiger Rising. In Ms. McKiernan's and Ms. Mann's classes, students are reading Bridge to Terabithia. In Ms. Caruso's class, students are reading Front Desk. Students will watch the movie Bridge to Terabithia on June 23. In math, students are learning about concepts of angles and measurement. In writing, students are working on informational texts. In science, Ms. Praul and Ms. Palmer, students are working on soils, rocks and land forms. Ms. McKiernan, Ms. Mann, and Ms. Caruso are working on environmental modules.</p> <p>5TH GRADE: Students are working are designing games based on the novel Hatchet. They were able to watch Cry in the Wild at the Dunellen Theatre. Thank you to the PTO for making this possible. They are reading the graphic novel Frazzled. In math, they are working on multiplying fractions and mixed numbers. In science, they are learning about Earth's atmosphere and living systems.</p> <p>Kindergarten and Preschool registration are open. You cannot attend orientation if you have not registered for the class.</p> <p>Picking students up early - Please notify the office ahead of time, as this will minimize the wait time for you and your student.</p> <p>Thank you to the PTO for your support in getting back to normal this last year.</p> <p>An opportunity for questions was provided. None were asked</p>
Nicole Moore - President	Meeting called to order at 7:16pm.

<p>Gwen Perdomo - Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Report emailed and available printed.</p> <p>Deposits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Donations for Teacher Appreciation ● Tee-Shirts for 5th-grade and 8th grade ● Tricky tray tickets, raffle, 50/50, wine pull, birthday raffle, mystery prizes <p>Payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assemblies (\$1,000 to What's Out There) Tricky Tray prizes, licenses, and permits ● Start-up money for Book Fair <p>We made over \$31,000 at Tricky Tray, and over \$20,000 of that was profit.</p> <p>Motion to approve treasurer's report: Cassie Muratory / Second: Ms. Moody</p>
<p>Rebecca Stark Gendrano - Minutes</p>	<p>Attendance on Zoom: Kelly Robertson, Cassie Muratory, Nicole Earnest</p> <p>Attendance in Person: Mr. Tennant, Ms. Moody</p> <p>Motion to approve minutes: Mr Tennant / Second: Ms. Moody</p>
<p>Nicole Moore - President's Report</p>	<p>Thank you to everyone who was involved in PTO this year. All of the donations and volunteers helped us have a successful year and get back to normal. We cannot do this without our membership.</p> <p>8th grade promotion on 6/27 (8-10pm): We need to send out a sign up genius for food. We will order decorations. We still need volunteers to help chaperone the event. (No parents of 8th grades will be allowed to chaperone.)</p> <p>Somerset Patriots fundraiser (6/11): we have sold 62 tickets so far. Mayer Cilento will throw out the first pitch. There will be fireworks after the game. Please remember to buy them through the link that we shared so that the PTO gets the credit.</p> <p>Eighth Grade Experience is tomorrow: Since the 8th graders have had no field trips at all during middle school, they will have an additional field day in Columbia Park. PTO is providing pizza and water.</p> <p>Back to School Luncheon (September): This happens before the school year begins. The sign up genius will go out to this year's membership to get the food, drinks, and other donations required. If you would like to be involved in planning, let us know.</p>

<p>Maria Bartman - Vice President, Committee Chair</p>	<p>Fifth grade farewell (6/16): We're looking for non-fifth grade parents to come and help out. The tee-shirts and backpacks have been ordered.</p> <p>Scholarship Committee: Thank you to Kate Hrada for chairing this committee. The PTO is giving out 6 \$1,000 scholarships that will be given out at graduation.</p> <p>Father's Day is coming up. Remember that you can buy gifts from Small World gift shop. The link is on our home page.</p>
<p>Tracy Kilinski - Vice President, Grade Level Oversight</p>	<p>Emails were sent to the team leaders reminding them to reach out to teachers and parents regarding end of the year parties. We need to know what food items will be donated. If your class needs an in person volunteer, we need to let the office know.</p> <p>Thank you to our team leaders for all of your help with parties this year.</p>
<p>Beth Willoughby - Teacher Liaison</p>	<p>Thank you to the PTO for everything you have done this year. We look forward to working with you next year.</p>
<p>Rebecca Stark Gendrano - former Corresponding Secretary</p>	<p>Talent Show: Thank you to everyone who helped with the Talent Show. Thank you to the sound crew. The kids had a great time performing, and the italian ice was delicious. We made \$287 from the bake sale.</p> <p>If anyone would like to be our new corresponding secretary, email me.</p>
<p>Open Discussion</p>	<p>Children and parents are reminded to be safe at pick up and drop off.</p> <p>Thank you to Mr. Tennant for allowing a student to be Principle for the Day.</p> <p>Thank you to Ms. Moody for hosting lunch with students.</p>
<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	