

April PTO Minutes

MAY 15, 2023

Call to Order - 7:15 pm

<p>Board Members in Attendance:</p>	<p>Nicole Moore (President, on Zoom) Maria Kowalik (Co-Vice President, Committee Chair) Tracey Kilinski (Co-Vice President, Grade Level Oversight) Gwen Perdomo (Treasurer) Rebecca Stark-Gendrano (Recording Secretary)</p>
<p>Mr Tennant - Principal's Round Table</p>	<p><u>Upcoming Events</u></p> <p>Saturday, 5/20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● COLOR RUN - PBSIS Fundraise <p>Monday, 5/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● School Closed - Faculty PD Day <p>Friday, 5/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Third Grade Cultural Fair● Third Grade Charlotte's Web Movie - APR (AM) <p>Monday, 5/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● School Closed - Faculty PD Day <p>Monday, 5/29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● District Closed - Memorial Day <p>Tuesday, 5/30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● District Closed - Give back snow day <p>Wednesday, 5/31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 5th Graders orientation for LMS (@ night) - (just informational nothing for Faber Teacher to do) <p>Thursday, 6/1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 1st Grade Field Trip - Jenkinson's Aquarium● Student Council Ice Pop Sale● 2nd Grade Staycation Field trip - Rizzos' Wildlife and Dunellen Movie Theater <p>Friday, 6/2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ellis Island Field Trip - 3rd - 5th Grade● First Grade Authors Day - Media Center

Monday, 6/5

- Kindergarten ONLY - Early Dismissal - 2023/2024 Kindergarten Screening

Tuesday, 6/6

- Kindergarten ONLY - Early Dismissal
- 2023/2024 Kindergarten Screening
- Walk and Roll to School - more info to follow

Wednesday, 6/7

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Wednesday, 6/7

- Early Dismissal Students
- Faber Academic Awards Night

Thursday, 6/8

- Early Dismissal Students

Friday, 6/9

- Early Dismissal Students
- 5th Grade Farewell
- Preschool Graduation - 10:30 - 11:30 - Faber Gym

Sunday, 6/11

- GIRLS ON THE RUN 5k

Monday, 6/12

- Early Dismissal Students
- Kindergarten Proud Day - 9:00 - 12:30
- 5th Grade Farewell - Rain Date

Tuesday, 6/13

- Early Dismissal Students
- Kindergarten Luau - 9:30 - 11:00

Wednesday, 6/14

- Report Cards Available to Parents, 4pm
- Last Day of School
- Early Dismissal Students

SLA Schedule - 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade: Below is the NJSLA schedule for May:

<h1>NJSLA</h1> <h2>May 2023</h2> <h3>ELA (3-5), Math (3-5) & Science (5)</h3>			
	DATES	PERIODS/TIME	UNITS
MATH 3, 4 & 5 = 3 units - 60 min each	Tues 5/16/2023	8:45-11:00	Math (Unit 1 & 2)
	Wed 5/17/2023	8:45-10:00	Math (Units 3)
ELA - Grade 3 = 2 units - 75 min each	Thurs 5/18/2023	8:45-10:30	ELA (Unit 1)
	Fri 5/19/2023	8:45-10:30	ELA (Unit 2)
ELA - Grade 4 & 5 = 2 Units - 90 min each	Thurs 5/18/2023	8:45-10:45	ELA (Unit 1)
	Fri 5/19/22	8:45-10:45	ELA (Unit 2)
Science - Grade 5 = 4 units - 45 min each	Tues 5/23/2023	8:45-10:45	Science 2 (Units 1 & 2)
	Wed 5/24/2023	8:45-10:45	Science 2 (Units 3 & 4)

CLASSROOM UPDATES

Pre- K is studying the Life Cycle of a ladybug in Science. They watched ladybug larvae transform into ladybugs and released them in our courtyard. They also learned about the Life Cycle of a frog. In LAL they are studying the letters R, S and J. In math they are working on puzzles and graphing insects. They are looking forward to an in house Field trip on Tuesday the 16th called "Eyes of the Wild".

Kindergarten has a "Staycation" class trip and is getting ready for the end of the school year with our ABC countdown. They have started practicing for our Proud Day celebration too! In Math, they are learning about measurement and capacity by measuring things in the classroom. In Reading, they are working on long vowel sounds. In Science, they hatched chicks and will move on to the life-cycle of butterflies.

1st Grade is learning all about 2D and 3D shapes. They recently finished their chick life cycle unit and observing eggs in an incubator for 3 weeks. Students could see the chicks hatch, observe them eating and drinking, and hold a

chick. First graders are writing stories that they will publish and eventually share with families at our Young Author breakfast in June. Students continue to work on mastering blends, vowel teams, and trick words. Students are learning about long vowel sounds. With our F & P program, students continue to listen to stories and answer questions, identify the main idea and details, character traits, author's purpose, and vocabulary.

2nd Grade has begun our opinion writing and understanding the differences between fact and opinion. The students are also moving on to 3-digit addition in math. In Reading the 2nd grade class is learning about courage and simple biographies. These lessons allow them to take a look at their own lives and ways they are courageous in everyday situations and how others inspire them!

3rd Grade is studying crayfish and their life cycles with actual live crayfish in our classrooms. They have also been getting ready for the NJSLA and preparing for their first time state test. 3rd grade is also deep diving into our immigration and culture unit reading and learning about Ellis Island and different cultures around the world. They are looking forward to the Cultural Heritage Festival on May 26th and the field trip to Ellis Island on June 2nd.

4th Grade has been continuing to work on Novel Studies, but have also been preparing for NJSLA testing. Students have been studying informational and fiction texts as well as poems In Math, students have been learning how to classify and measure angles using a protractor, different types of lines and classifying triangles, converting standard and metric units, and how to find the area and perimeter of a shape.

5th Grade is finishing up dividing decimals, as well as working on converting measurements, solving volume, and practicing multiplication facts. They are also preparing for the NJSLA test. They finished the novel *Stepping on the Cracks*. They will do some of book 2 to get them excited and the 3rd book would be great for independent reading for the summer. For health, they did posters on the dangers of vaping and smoking. They are collecting money and permission slips for the class trip. End of year party and permission slips were due last Friday, a few still need to be returned. They will start reading *Hatchet* after testing.

REMINDERS:

Please be sure that chromebooks are charged before students arrive for testing

QUESTIONS:

Has a date been set for Field Day yet? No, but we are finalizing dates with Mr. Apello now. We are also planning to bring in Taekwondo instructors to do a presentation for AAPI month.

	<p>In response to question about music program, Mr. Tennant noted that the sign up sheet for the music program will be sent out shortly.</p> <p>In response for a question about Summer Enrichment, Mr. Tennant noted that it would be possible to take part in both the Summer Enrichment program and the Summer Music program.</p> <p>Thank you very much for organizing the meals for Teacher Appreciation. We really appreciated it!</p>
Nicole Moore - President	Meeting called to order at 7:26 pm
Gwen Perdomo - Treasurer's Report	<p>We had a lot of Tricky Tray expenses, Triple A table rental, an entry fee that needed to be repaid, Book Fair Start Up money.</p> <p>Income was recorded for Tricky Tray deposits for tickets.</p> <p>The ending balance was more than \$60,237.82.</p> <p>Motion to approve by Heather Anderson. Second by Cassie Muratore.</p>
Rebecca Stark Gendrano - Minutes	Motion to approve by Heather Anderson. Second by Cassie Muratore.
Nicole Moore - President's Report	<p>Thank you to Brittany Gourlay for coordinating the PTO Board Nominations.</p> <p>We have a vote for the candidates for PTO Corresponding Secretary, as Heather Anderson and Cassie Muratore have both been nominated. PTO members voted both in person and online, and the vote resulted in an even tie so the role of Corresponding Secretary will be split evenly between the Heather and Cassie.</p> <p>Tricky Tray was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who donated or volunteered. We are grateful for everything you did to support the event. The total inflow was \$28,752.67. After expenses, our profit is \$25,800 which is almost as much profit as last year's event. This money will allow us to do even more for the school. We will need to adjust our budgets for some items to keep up with inflation, so the money raised from Tricky Tray will be helpful there as well.</p>
Maria Bartman - Vice President, Committee Oversight	Thank you to everyone who participated in Teacher Appreciation. We're especially grateful to Meghan Portik for all of the work to set up the event, and to Trina for helping on the day of the event.

	<p>5th Grade Farewell is making good progress and Suriya is sending out information to the committee.</p> <p>8th Grade Promotion is going a little slowly, but we will be meeting with the committee this week.</p>
<p>Tracy Kilinski - Vice President, Grade Level Oversight</p>	<p>Third Grade Cultural Heritage Day is coming up. Emails have gone out to parent volunteers to assist with set up and clean up. Please let me know who the volunteers will be so that I can alert the school.</p> <p>Please reach out to your teacher regarding Field Trips, as the teacher will need to know which parents are available to pick as chaperones.</p> <p>End of year parties will be coming up soon. Most classes will have their party on the last day of school. Fifth graders will have a breakfast at the end of the school year. Please remember that all food items need to be approved by Ms. North due to allergy issues. The earlier the better.</p>
<p>Beth Willoughby - Teacher Liaison</p>	<p>Thank you for the amazing Teacher Appreciation week. Thank you also for the support of the Honors Chorus. Mr. Geiger said that the kids had a great time and they enjoyed their nice red shirts.</p>
<p>Open Discussion</p>	<p>Rebecca noted that the Talent Show is coming up on June 4th, and we still need acts for the show. Please sign up!</p> <p>In response to a question about the Book Fair, Beth noted that we cannot pre-order more discount books or specific titles of various books. Scholastic sends us the books that they want to sell, and the schools don't get an opportunity to choose.</p> <p>Our next meeting is Monday, June 5th. This is the last meeting of the year, so we will have some refreshments available to thank volunteers for their efforts.</p> <p>All of the positions for next year have been officially accepted with the following Board:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Nicole Moore - President Maria Bartman - Vice President, Committee Oversight Tracy Killinski - Vice President, Grade Level Oversight Gwen Perdomo - Treasurer Rebecca Stark-Gendrano - Recording Secretary Heather Anderson - Corresponding Secretary Cassie Muratore - Corresponding Secretary Beth Willoughby - Teacher Liaison</p>

	Congratulations to next year's board!
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.