

Mineola High School PTSA Meeting
Attendance
January 6, 2021
Zoom

Christa Basel
Zenobia Haddock
Miriam Shevlin
Diana DeJesus
Lori Massaro
Frank Massaro
Stefanie Wiidman
Dawn Catania
Drew Smith
Nancy Morandi
Dr. Smith
Brenda Benes
Linda Pardo
Dawnn Cox
Deborha DaSilva
Denise Heckleman
Diana Rodriguez
Michele Zaransky
Jennifer Melendez
Nancy Miller
Kathy Escorcia
Chanise Gilliam
Christine Mulroony
Cathy Carr
Rosalie Mendes

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7pm start

President-Jennifer Amore-Melendez - Happy New Year!

- Our fundraisers have been successful!

- Motion to accept the November 2020 minutes

 - Motion Lori Massaro

 - second Miriam Shevlin

-Our By Laws were approved, they are posted on the PTSA website, thanks to Robin Bischoff and her committee. Thank you Zenobia for working on the website.

Treasurer Report- Deborah DaSilva- Budget is visible to everyone on the screen

- Successful fundraisers, gift cards, spirit wear and membership bring us to a balance of \$17,630.

- We need volunteers to reconcile the November budget

Committees-

- Lori Massaro will chair the staff Appreciation lunch along with Zenobia and Irene

Membership- Diana DeJesus

- We currently have 354 members, our goal is 388

- reminder , both student and parent need to be members in order for student to receive scholarship

- terrific teacher and staff have 100% membership

Fundraisers-

- Merchandise- Diana DeJesus- and Brenna Schettino

 - would like to have an art design contest and put design on perch

- gift card- Chanise Gillian-

- still selling gift cards on website, but can only have shipped to your house or get an eight card

- Clothing drive- March 13, need volunteers

District Happenings-Faculty Rep- Mr. Smith-

- Spirit Days, both ugly sweater and PF day were fun

- Guidance has presentations about body image and social media

- English -8- Immigration Then/Now "Quest for Justice"

Music Parents-

Booster Club- was held at 6:30pm today

- Still waiting for answers as to when sports might start, if they do start, it will be

Feb 1 for winter sports, March 1 for fall and April 22 for spring

- info about spectators is undecided

SEPTA- Miriam Shevlin- Please encourage others to join, SEPTA is district wide.

- next meeting will be Jan 25, with a guest speaker about Dyslexia and reading challenges

District Council- Christa Basel- Meeting was in 2020

-Christine Napolitano mentioned that parents are concerned that our ranking as a district is so low. Planning to have a site for the parents to give input to, Reactions to the district to upgrade the ranking.

BOE- Stephanie Widman- the meeting is tomorrow

Correspondence-Zenobia Haddock Social media is up and going well

Old Business- Merch store is closed

New Business- Need committee members for Jenkins Award and student scholarships. Need people to volunteer for nominating committee.

Principal- Dr. Smith- COVID updates

-We need to all follow the rules!

-the nurses are great!!

-Attendance- Keeping kids home is fine if they log in to the classes, only are allowed to come to school on correct day!

-Regents are cancelled for January

-not typical mid-term week, some assessments

-Student Service Center is holding a lunch bunch- sending holiday messages to nursing home

-collecting recyclable bags for the Mary Brennan Inn

-Collecting wipes and baby food and formula

-virtual peer tutoring is ongoing

-Student Organization-

-Battle of the Classes maybe moved to warmer weather to be outside, not sure if they will be decorating the halls

-Political Discourse Club is very active, check club calendar for all updates .

-Sophomore class will be ordering class rings

-Key Club and National Honor Society have collected gifts for 26 families, they used the PTSA fundraiser to purchase gift cards

-Science Research- being re-imagined, projects are being done differently

-Please buy from MUSTBUYTANGS they are selling iPad stands and totes

-On the Sport Admission Days have been virtual

-We were recognized by US News as best High School in America!!

-Guidance is busy

-Alumni Day was virtual, had interactive games, the teachers all wore their

Alumni shirts

-January parent night will be online

-Athletics-

-Congratulations to Meghan Heckleman and Nick Ramos for receiving the 2020

Physical Education Student of the year Award!

-Performing Arts- The fall play will be filmed and there will be a viewing at the school

-Not sure about spring play

-PLEASE READ THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER!

-Library has added many digital books, we now have a large selection

-January 15 will be Senior Day, all other students will be virtual for the day, Seniors will have academics for periods 1-4, then activates for the rest of the day

-Cap and gown pictures will be taken at the HS on Jan 26 and 27, please make appointments

-Senior Class is selling lawn signs and pinnies

-Year book ad/ senior bios are due soon, a link was sent out

-New 8th grade advisor is Ms. Lebiatwitz

Questions- Michelle Zarnesky- Will the State have the Regents in June?

-Dr. Smith, NO

-Kevin Cox- When can the seniors have access to the senior lounge?

-Dr. Smith- They can't, it is an office now... we are trying to create special things for the seniors.

-Nancy Morandi- Thank you Dr. Smith, Christopher is happy with the new things that the school is doing for the seniors

Jennifer Amore Melendez- Next meeting is Feb 6

meeting concluded

7:48pm