

October 7, 2020

Mineola PTSA Meeting

Attendance

Jenn Amore Melendez  
Kathy Escorcio  
Deborah DaSilva  
Debbie Tobar  
Lori Massaro  
Whitney Smith  
Cathy Carr  
Cindy Lopes  
Diana DeJesus  
Drew Smith  
Joanne Farrell  
Karol Andrade  
Licia McCarthy  
Linda Ramos  
Miriam Shevlin  
Nancy Faccio  
Stephanie Widman  
Robin Bischoff  
Michelle Rescigno  
Kelly Jaquin  
Dey Mercado  
Michelle Zaransky  
Nancy Faccio  
Christa Basel  
Nancy Boccaio  
Zenobia Haddock

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Mineola High School PTSA Meeting- Zoom  
7:06pm

Jen- Welcome!

Approve minutes from September  
motion -Robin Bischoff  
2nd- Joanne Farrell

Deborah- Treasurer report

-Posted budget is good  
12,360 balance  
-still have to add in the fundraiser money, we should be above \$15,000  
-Christa-Did the bank reconcile ?  
-Deborah- Yes, but we still need signatures

Diana- Membership

-Last month we had 67, this month we have 316, all 110 teachers joined  
-We met the 60% goal by 10/20 which means that we qualify for the NYSPTA Early Bird Award- we should receive a \$100.00 award

Robin Bischoff- By laws

-we need to amend the bylaws  
-they will be good for 3 years, we have to submit them to NYS  
-Only need to be one is to raise the membership from \$9 to \$10 and the student price is \$6, this will have us equal to other schools. The price change will go into effect after the vote on Nov 4, try to join before the price increase  
- Dues, pg 5 section 6, article 6 section 5  
- make sure that you can read the bylaws on the website.  
-New- pg 11, article 7 2B committees, can not serve more then 2 years on the same committee, need to get new people to do the committee chairs

Christa- Fundraisers

-Mums, sale was successful! We sold 399 items to 82 people in all of the schools. We should end up with a profit of about \$1,700.00 which is much better then in the past. The pick up went smoothly! Linda Ramos was a big help and the following students helped also... Andrew Basel, Robbie Basel, Andrew Escorcia, Derek Escorcia, Christian Melendez, Jonathan Melendez, Christian Frey, Adian Levin, Sarah Jorgensen and Karen Periera.

Diana DeJesus- Mineola Merch

-new ideas, cute styles, on sale with the membership on the PTSA website.  
-looking into doing a student competition for a logo.

District Happening- Mr. Smith

-9th grade science revised from New Visions to Next Gen Science Standard, very project based and asks big questions  
-the open house was unusual but successful, there was positive talk about it  
-clubs have started, if you go to the club calendar, follow the links and meeting times, the meetings are virtual

Corresponding - Zenobia

- Received a thank you for the popcorn  
-received a letter from Mrs. Heffner that the PTA has paid for 100% membership

Music parents- Joanne Farrell

- there is a meeting today at 8pm

- Debbie Tobar- please come and discuss the extracurricular activities

Booster Club- Cathy Carr

- Mr. Amitrano was saying the as of now, the Winter sports will be held in Jan and Feb, the fall sports in March and April and the spring sports in May and June

- there will be 6 week long seasons

- waiting to hear about the vote on state championships

- As of now, there will only be allowed to have 2 spectators per child at the games.

- The new equipment is delivered and in the fitness center

SEPTA- Miriam Shevlin

- working on jobs in the PACE lab

- advocate for themselves

- Working on communication

- looking for email partners, please let us know if you are interested

- students use flip-grid, pod cast and websites

- please join! We support all children

- On 10/19 we will have a special speaker, Dr. Fred Holtd, he will be talking about managing anxiety during the pandemic

District Council- Karol Andrade

- 9/29 7pm all PTA's had to reorganize ideas and make them fun and meaningful

- Mineola Together, 100% MTA in PTA and SEPTA!

- Cultural Arts is looking for a committee chair

BOE- Meeting is this Thursday at 4pm

Dr. Smith-

- Open House went great, good feed back

- Thank you to the PTSA for the beautiful mum sale

- Thank you for the popcorn

- We have had a good run using the Health Trac App, please keep kids home if they are not well.

- Anyone not approved has to go to the nurse and call parents

- kids have been great with the social distancing and wearing the masks

- 116 students qualify as AP Scholars, please see the school website for full list of students who have received accolades!

- guidance have been helping seniors, they need to write essay and apply, there are many colleges who have college tours online. The guidance department has links to when reps will visit, check the web page for info.

- Student Service Center

- held National Day of Service on 9/11, it was broadcasted to the classrooms

- Collected 15 boxes of food for the Mary Brennan Inn

- Great Spirit for tourist day

- Student Organization will have a Thanksgiving food drive

- Intramural's have started, safety protocols are being followed

- Clubs are beginning, please see the club calendar on the parent portal

- Guidance counselors have been working with seniors, Financial Aid, please see the website

- Library has a virtual catalog, you can download auto books

- the Juniors will take the PSAT on the 14 and 29

- Senior lass movie night is 10/16

- ACT is on 10/20 in district
- Picture re-take day is 10/22 &10/23 and virtual students also after school
  - for seniors, the 29 2-9pm
  - additional pic day in Jan for senior with cap and gown
- High school web page to order cap and gown

Jen-

- Guessing Jar will be in lobby week of 10/19
  - guess number of candy in jar without going over, 2 winners
- Students can join clubs at anytime'
- Next meeting 11/4

End meeting 7:58pm