Wednesday January 5th, 2022 Mineola High School PTSA Meeting

Start time ZOOM 7:05 pm

**Attendance:**

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| Deborah DaSilva  Diana DeJesus  Silvana DeFilippo  Lynda Stewart  Jennifer Amore-Menedez  Christa Basel  Wanda Catalano  Mary Desiderio  priya shah  Irene Parrino  Kathy Escorcia  Gabriela Ramos  Whittney Smith  Cathy Carr  Lauren Gottlieb-Mora  Patrick Talty  Regina Valente  Debbie Tobar  Nancy Farrelly  Dawn Catania  Cheryl Lampasona  Amy Polmar  Diana Aschettino  Laura Gaglione sorry  Chanise Gilliam  Georgette Stroebel  Lynda Stewart  Amber M  Brenna Scattino  Drew Smith |
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**Kathy Escorcia:**

-Welcome to the meeting – Voting for the Nominating Committee- for many Board positions for 2022-2023 school year.

**Old Business:**

Minutes from last meeting adopted as written no corrections.

**Deborah DaSilva- Treasurer Report**

* Addition of new members
* Gift Card Sales
* Staff Appreciation luncheon
* Increase to income

Payment

* Gift Card purchase expense
* Member Hub fees

Reconciliation was completed for previous months

Kathy acknowledged that the Treasurer Report looked good and no one had any questions.

**Committee Reports – Christa Basel**

Surpassed our annual goal for members with 407 members with a goal of 389. Really helped with Mineola Teachers and Staff are at 100% of signup. If you have a Senior please sign up for PTA as you need to be a member to apply for scholarships – Both the Senior and a parent need to be a member.

January teacher award is still outstanding – no information received.

**Chanise Gillam – presented the Gift Card sales updates**

Gift Cards sold – 527 bringing in $10,000

Rebate amount of $426

The top-selling card was Home Depot

Encourage using to keep using, it can be mailed directly to your house and eGift cards are still available.

Student Organizations like Key Club and Honor Society also used services which helped boost sales.

**Reflections – Irene Parrino**

First time in HS – this years theme is “I will change the world by…”

Dance

Film

Literature

Music

Photography

Visual Arts

All information is online – including the entry form

Deadline was November 8th

We had 17 participants – and we ended up with 4 finalists who are advancing to Nassau and then hopefully to state.

2 Arts

Eliza Hernandez -11th Grade

Caroline Bridges – 10th Grade

2 Photography

Bridgette Cunningham – 12 th Grade

Sana Qureshi – 12th Grade

End of Month of Jan we should know if they are advancing forward.

Was successful and 2022-2023 theme is “ Show you voice…”

**Correspondence – Zenobia Haddock**

Nothing new to report

**Update from Mr. Drew**

New through the Library – students approached the Library teacher Mr. Pellbaum and expressed an interest in creating a podcast varying in topics from world news to sports and other topics of interest.

8th Graders in the Marching band are engaged in creating a podcast so they can look back at their experiences when they are Seniors.

**Music Parents – Joanne Stiehl**

Nothing new to report

**Booster Club – Cathy Carr**

Mustang Stakes on 04/02

Need new members as currently way below the goal

To be eligible for tri-scholarship you must be members of PTSA/Music and Booster so don’t wait sign up.

Please use the attached Membership form and Venmo information when signing up.



**Septa – Kathy Escorcia (on behalf of Miriam S.)**

Nothing new to report

**District Council – Amy Polmar**

Nothing new to report.

**Board of Ed – Mr. Talty**

BOE meeting in person and live stream on 1/6 – Name of Presentation is “Education Reimagined”

Work has started on the Sperry Building

Friday 1/7 is the Annual Christian Melendez soccer game to honor his memory.

**Kathy Escocia - New Business-**

Advocacy committee to go to PTSA

Miriam Shevlin is passionate about a nurse in every building

End of January – Plan Spanky’s fundraiser

Logo Contest winer – Brena

Student contest in February- Colleen Torres chairing 2 scholarship committee

Next steps

Revamp application

Rubric grading system

Members of PTA to be eligible

**Dr. Smith Update**

Cap & Gown: Orders will be taken on Wednesday, January 12 from 9:00am-2:00pm in the iHub.

Senior Awards: Applications will be on the high school website beginning the second week of January. All applications must be turned in by March 1st.

Student Service Center

No Macaroni pasta dinner

Spanky’s donating 20%

Live like a Champion game

Class of 2021 – Alumn Day where our graduates will come back to talk to students

2-3 students/class and will follow Covid Protocol

* The **Class of 2026** just performed in their first concert in over a year, and it was fantastic! The class officers have been working to come up with some great ideas for the rest of the year. We are going to run a Valentine's Day fundraiser in February and have been designing some Class of 2026 gear to sell in January! We are also going to have a meeting on January 6th after school in the auditorium, for anyone interested in participating in our events and to get everyone together to discuss battle of the classes.
* The **Class of 2025** has been busy with fundraising! The students did an amazing job this month with both a holiday treats fundraiser and a clothing sale fundraiser. Be on the lookout throughout January and the Spring season for more from the Class of 2025.
* The **Class of 2024** had a blast at their First Annual Gift-Wrapping Fundraiser! Who knew that wrapping gifts could be a teachable moment?! Students learned that as always, teamwork and collaboration allows for success. Thank you to all of the community members who supported us this year. Have a safe and happy holiday!

**Key Club** members helped spread holiday cheer by bell ringing and caroling at North Shore Farms on December 11th.

**The National Honor Society:**  It has been very busy for our members this month as we organize, wrapped and delivered gifts during the NHS/Key Club Holiday Drive.  We are so grateful for the support of our students, community, administration, faculty, and staff throughout the district.  Their generosity made the Key Club and National Honor Society Holiday Drive a great success.  We were able to provide gifts for over 21 families with everyone’s donations and efforts.  Our students were quite busy wrapping and delivering these gifts in time for the Holidays.

* **MusBuyTangs**, our student-run business, had a very successful launch of their new product line at the recent winter concert nights. Two popup shops provided opportunities for these student entreprepreneurs to practice tablescaping for selling events, production and marketing of new product ideas, inventory and web management, pricing and money management and communication skills for selling. Top sellers included their one-of-a-kind student designed holiday tumblers using a dye sublimation process and the humorous "Snow Day Supporter" shirts and ear warmers. Additionally, mannequins proudly displayed hoodies and shirts with their tri-mustang brand logo and they launched a line of tabletop games under the "MBT Games" brand. The MusBuyTangs will review their brainstorm list of new ideas at their first meeting in the new year! They thank the local community for 4 years of continued support and are excited to experiment with ideas for expanding their customer base to a wider audience. Follow them @musbuytangs on Instagram and Twitter and visit [www.musbuytangs.com](http://www.musbuytangs.com)

The **Boys and Girls Mustangs Bowling** program starts the season in first place with a record of 6-1. So far they have defeated Locust Valley, North Shore, Garden City and Sewanhaka.

* Congratulations to our teachers who participated in **Jovia Financial Credit Union’s “Funding Your Ideas”** Teacher Grant Program. Each teacher won $500 to fund their idea to benefit our students.

Research Students

* **Introduction to Research** students (9th) are putting the finishing touches on their Exploravision projects and will be submitting mid January.  We wish them the best of luck!
* **Advanced Research I** (10th) students just received approval for their Social Science projects from the IRB and will be collecting their data in the coming weeks.
* **AP Research** students are beginning their experimental design setup.
* Our **Advanced Research III** seniors are finalizing their data and analysis in preparation for the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair submission on January 19th.
* **Research 8** Students are starting their research projects and will be presenting at Long Island Science Congress Junior Division in the Spring.  Students are working with amylase, vigna radiata, or catalase.
* **Global 10 Students** experience the chaos of the French Revolution through an experiential activity designed to simulate the unjustified accusations that occurred during the Reign of Terror.
* Bilingual Students from **Mrs. Gutierrez’s Algebra class** made posters and learned the Pledge of Allegiance as part of their acculturation. (see pictures below). **Dual Language Geometry class** created projects about geometric figures. They had to use at least 4 shapes and then find their surface area, volume, and cross sections. They each made their own project with creativity and mathematical precision.

**Important Dates in January**

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| 12/23 -1/2  **WINTER RECESS-SCHOOLS CLOSED**  **Happy New Year 2022**     * 1/4 - Athletic Booster Club Meeting @ 7:00 pm * 1/5 - PTSA Meeting @ 7:00 pm * 1/5 - Music Parent Meeting @ 7:30 pm * 1/7 - **Alumni Day Class of 2021** - **SPIRIT DAY** * 1/7 - “Live Like a Champion” Annual Soccer Game 2:45 * 1/12 - Senior Cap & Gown Measurement @ HS * 1/13 - **Junior Parents/**Students Night 7:00pm | * 1/17 - **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day - SCHOOLS CLOSED** * 1/18 - **Eighth Grade Parents**/Students Night @ 7:00 pm * 1/20 - Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 pm WI * 1/24 - SEPTA Meeting @ 7:00 pm * 1/28 - End of Q2 Marking Period |

Mineola High School games are broadcasted on YOUTUBE.

There are changes to live music concert for April – more information to come

Lastly – Covid tests are being handed out

Tomorrow 1/6 is the LAST DAY to pick them up – stop by the Security Desk to pick up for your child – 1 per child.

**Meeting over – 8:06 PM**