

MTP PTA Board in Attendance via Zoom Video Meeting: **President:** Michelle Krikau, **1st Vice President:** Cari Sacks **2nd Vice President:** Kristi Bellissimo, **Treasurer:** Chris Collins, **Recording Secretary:** Lisa DelBorrello, **Corresponding Secretary:** Alexandra Leong, **Council Delegate:** Renee Postel

Minutes: Minutes from the January 2021 PTA meeting were approved. **Correspondence:** None
Treasurer's Report: **Opening Balance:** \$36,520.23 **Income:** \$6,255.37 **Expenditures:** \$1383.56 **Closing Balance:** \$41,392.04 The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

President Michelle Krikau asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mrs. Maria Corso and Mrs. Vivian Amato.

Principal's Report: Mr. Ierano commemorated the two MTP faculty members who passed away this past week, Mrs. Maria Corso, a special education teacher and Mrs. Vivian Amato, a lunch monitor at the school and former school childcare aide. Both were dedicated staff members who loved their jobs. As long-time members of the MTP family and Smithtown Central School District, they will be very dearly and greatly missed.

Guest Speakers: Mark Sciortino and Peter Russo of Smithtown St. James Little League spoke about the League reopening safely for a full spring season as well as its summer programs. They wished to invite all to join baseball or softball, but particularly would like to get more girls involved in softball.

President's Report: Mrs. Krikau said we arranged for a live virtual assembly for all the students with the New York Islanders 3/16, 10:45 am showcasing smart decisions and teamwork on and off the ice. The Islanders, along with mascot Sparky, are providing this at no cost. From the PTA Presidents' meeting with the Superintendent, Mrs. Krikau recapped that secondary school students will be returning full time in March; the District is in good financial shape; there will be no cuts in state aid; reopening high risks sports are now possible as well as some other after school activities and quarantines are at the lowest they have been in some time.

Committee Business: Membership - Congratulations to the well-deserving faculty on earning their 3rd consecutive Terrific Teacher/Super Staff Award from the State PTA for their tremendous enrollment numbers in the MTP PTA. We were one of only 21 schools in the state to win and we are incredibly grateful for the support. We need a few members more to earn The Founders Day Award for February. We are up to 284 members this year. **Arts and Ed** announced some of the programs secured for this school year which will be held virtually for both in school and home remote students. These are: Kindergarten – Teddy Bear Clinic, 1st Grade – Star Lab, 2nd Grade – a performance by the Cradle of Aviation, 3rd Grade – musician and motivational speaker Jared Campbell, 4th Grade – Food Web, 5th Grade – Bio Luminescent Magic and Don't Press Send. All the schools in the district collaborated this year to pick programs for consistency. More programs will be announced. **PARP** had a great turnout with its wonderful creative theme this year. The bookmark and book cover winners were announced. Thanks to the staff and Mr. Ierano for helping with many aspects. Every child received a pair of earbuds. **Bookfair** - There will be a virtual spring fair 2/24 – 3/9 with the theme Enchanted Forest, Let Your Imagination Take You Anywhere. **SEPTA** – At the January meeting a speaker for The Sibling Support Project explained how it is a great resource for siblings of children with Downs Syndrome, physical disabilities, Autism, ADHD and more. SEPTA next meets on 3/15. **Board of Ed Rep** – At the last meeting discussions were had about bringing the students back, monitoring the Covid infection rate which is declining steadily; the district is on target for reopening dates in March; Tackan Elementary school experienced an infection rate three times more than any other building, which is why the closed before the break; closures, if needed, will be building specific. **Fifth Grade** – T shirts will be picked up soon, Class of 2020-21 face masks will be ordered; the talent show finale theme will be Dancing Through the Decades. Only individuals (with the exception of twins) can perform in the acts which will be compiled into one video. Anyone not wishing to submit a dance can do a "mannequin" photo which will be worked into the video. More details to come.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2021

Meeting Closing Time 7:49 pm

Pending Approval

Date approved: _____ Signature _____, Lisa DelBorrello, Recording Secretary