

MTP PTA Board in Attendance: **President:** Michelle Krikau **1st Vice President:** Cari Sacks **Treasurer:** Renee Postel **Recording Secretary:** Lisa DelBorrello **Corresponding Secretary:** Kristi Bellissimo **Council Delegate:** Kristy D'Errico **Minutes:** Minutes from February 2020 meeting were approved by Alexandra Leong and Sandy Perline. **Correspondence:** None **Treasurer's Report:** Opening Balance: 2/4/20: \$45,688.73 Closing Balance 3/10/20: \$46,009.21

President's Report: Mrs. Krikau thanked the Book Fair Committee for its success in the spring event. She informed us that we will be having a plant sale the week before Mother's Day. We are looking for someone to help with deliveries that Tuesday as well as work the sale Wednesday and Friday. She reiterated that several committee chairs, PTA volunteers and class moms have not yet joined the PTA. They are required to do so for multiple valid reasons, one being the process of learning from seasoned PTA members before stepping into the respective roles. Mrs. Krikau also updated us on the topics covered in the PTA Presidents' Meeting with the Superintendent which included the following: ▪ Suffolk County Council of PTA is looking for members - they meet once a month. ▪ On 3/19 the 60th Annual Math Fun Night is being held which is lots of fun; participants can win prizes and please bring non-perishable food donations. ▪ On 3/15 there will be a conference at Fairfield School in Massapequa regarding opposition to the legalization of marijuana ▪ On 3/17 and 3/31 the BOE will have budget workshops with a BOE mtg. scheduled for 3/24 ▪ The Tackan El principal search has been narrowed down to two candidates as of 3/2, and the HSW Fashion show, which is always a great event, is next week.

Principal's Report: Mr. Ierano reported that one topic we have been hearing a lot about lately is the Corona Virus. He said he has the same concerns that everyone else does as an educator and a parent himself. We are doing the best we can to stay safe. One of the most effective ways to curb spreading is constant hand washing and good sanitation measures. Our custodians are frequently cleaning and have always done a great job. They are sanitizing high touch areas multiple times a day. Thankfully, it seems that statistics are small for children, but unfortunately, not good for the elderly. He advised we continue to talk to our kids about this. Updates will continue to be posted on the District website and we will follow all the guidance put forth from the NYS Department of Health.

Teachers' Representative Ms. Cole summarized what the various grades are up to. **Kindergarteners** are working on the fundamentals of blending sounds, learning sight words, characters and settings in literature, number bonds in math and are looking forward to St. Patrick's Day, **1st Grade** is transitioning to new units, studying animals, learning about text and features in non-fiction, kicked off the space and solar system lessons are delving further into place value, are studying animals, their adaptations and how they use light and sound to communicate. **The 2nd grade** is writing a narrative – writing Winter Books, studying grammar, subjects, verbs, adjectives, are adding and subtracting 3 digits numbers and regrouping in Math Module 5, as well as looking into maps and studying erosion. **3rd Graders** are becoming fine authors, finishing the math module on area and will soon take on fractions. They are learning about contraptions, forces and interactions and how to save a toy tiger in their experiments. They are looking at culture in Kenya as well as the economy and government. **The 4th Grade** is working on fabulous fractions, design and safety of harnesses and creating simple machines. They're studying colonial times and were visited by Native American friends. **5th Graders** are learning about the water cycle, Suffolk County water, and Long Island resources. They read a rags to riches story called Esperanza Rising, are in Module 4 in math - multiplying fractions and decimals. They are studying computer coding, science and simulations of the spreading of infectious diseases. AIS/Reading conferences are tomorrow but can also be scheduled by contacting the teachers any time. She thanked the PTA for the books supplied to them and thanked parents for the reading and math support at home.

Committees Reports: **Arts in Education** – The Goldilocks Trials for 5th Grade will begin next week. Parents are invited. Yoga was brought in for grades 2 – 5 and the kids loved the new program. The 4th grade had the Food Web and learned plenty about the food chain and live plankton, which they loved seeing under microscopes. **Darlings and Dates** – Get your Disney costumers ready, the date is Friday, April 24. The committee needs donations for the raffles, refreshments, serving items and volunteers for decorating and helping at the event. **Membership:** We were one of the 73 schools - out of 1500 in the state - that won the 2019-20 Terrific Teacher/ Super Staff Award by having at least 75% of our faculty join the PTA. Thank you to Mr. Ierano and the fantastic staff for embracing and supporting the PTA programs and advocacy for our children. We are looking for donations for raffle prizes for all and will also hold a drawing specifically for the faculty members. **Square 1 Art.** Catalogues have gone home. Order by March 27th. There is a tremendous variation of items. Take a look! If you lost your paper or need an access code, contact the committee at Kris1019@yahoo.com. **Housing** – The committee concluded its study and voted to recommend to not close a school building in the district. The vote was 13 – 12. They are compiling a preliminary report to deliver to the school board sometime at the end of May. The recommendation is for the foreseeable future at least through the 2023-24 school year. The BOE will ultimately make any decisions. **Fundraising** – Welcome to our new chairperson Christine Chirchirillo, who is taking over for Renee Serpico in September 2020. She can be emailed ideas or questions at: beanie315@hotmail.com There is a Philly Pretzel “dine-around” fundraiser on Monday, 3/23... 20 % of purchases made between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm that day will go to our school, so be sure to attend and mention the MTP fundraiser to qualify your purchase toward the fundraiser. These events are always fun as you run into friends and classmates. **Nominating** – The committee was formed that serves to compile nominations, vote and choose the slate for the next school year's PTA Executive Board. From the current Board, Mrs. Bellissimo, Mrs. Postel and Mrs. Sacks volunteered to represent the Board on the nominating committee. Mrs. Michelle Cohen and Mr. Chris Collins volunteered to represent the general membership, fulfilling the seats as required by the State. All were elected via live vote in their favor. **School Supplies** – Flyers are being prepared to go home. **Wellness** – The committee is continuing its work regarding physical health, but with a strong focus this year on increasing mental health and wellness as they work along with the District's Wellness Committee and subcommittees in these areas and more. Volunteers are welcome. Visit the District's wellness page at: <http://www.smithtown.k12.ny.us/district/wellness>. **Fifth Grade** - Night with the Ducks is 5/14 and the flyer going out soon. The chorus will sing on the field. We are still waiting on some for the \$35 for items like the T-shirt and yearbook.

Next meeting is April 7th, 2020 at 7 pm.

Closing Time 7:52 pm