

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 October PTA meeting were approved. **Correspondence:** None

Treasurer's Report: **Opening Balance:** \$31,658.95 **Closing Balance:** 31,997.62. The treasurer's report was approved.

President's Report: Mrs. Krikau began by stating that the PTA is the biggest advocate for our children. If anyone ever has any questions or concerns, they can reach out to her and she can refer any issues to the president of the Suffolk Council PTA. Mrs. Krikau reported that links to the PTA Zoom meetings will no longer be posted on social media due to potential issues with security reported by other PTAs. Links will be shared via email by Class Parents to their classes and to registered PTA members via Memberhub. Lisa DelBorrello, the chair of Membership who also oversees Memberhub is looking for someone to shadow her as she has one more year left in the school. Email the PTA if interested. All email addresses are on the PTA website. The **Arts in Education Committee** is meeting tomorrow and is working with all the District's elementary schools so that each school gets the same programs. We should be hearing back from them soon regarding this year's programs. Mrs. Krikau thanked the Executive Board and committee chairs and said the secret of being a good PTA president is delegating to the parents, who are doing a wonderful job.

Principal Report: Mr. Ierano emphasized what a pleasure it is to have the children back and to be working with them every day. While we have no plans to close the school, teachers are preparing materials to send home in the event remote learning is necessary. We want to be prepared, should emergency school closing be necessary, due to the recent uprising of cases in NYS. While there is no scientific substantiated proof to support this, Mr. Ierano assured parents that of the four Covid-19 cases at MTP, not once has any person contracted the virus at the school. Students have been great at keeping their masks on and sanitizing their hands. He also explained that some areas in the state are in the red zone in terms of numbers of cases and that warrants school closure. The yellow zone, which we are thankfully not in, would allow schools to remain open if a portion of the students and faculty were randomly tested. That would bring a whole caveat of serious considerations including the cost, parental concerns and the administering of the tests. The Department of Health has changed their procedures and notifies families directly regarding quarantining after potential close contact with another person testing positive for the virus. Regarding upcoming parent teacher conferences, Mr. Ierano said parents will be given the option of their preference of either telephone or virtual video conferences with the teachers.

Teacher's Report: Christine Cole reported on what all the grade levels are learning in the classrooms. She also said parent teacher conferences will occur on December 2 and 3rd and can be set up by contacting the AIS teachers by phone or email. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving as well as expressed gratitude to parents for their support and to the PTA for all they do. New AIS groups will be starting after Dec. 7th, so those students' Google classrooms might change, she said.

Fundraising: We netted \$4,378 from the Meadow Farms fundraiser which we should be receiving in January. There will be a take-out dine-around at Moe's in Hauppauge on 12/15/20, the next Family Connect Night.

Holiday Shop: A favorite of the children, this event will be held virtually. A flyer was sent home with details.

Spirit wear: We sold \$903 in the first week of the new website's opening yielding us a profit of \$112.29. Look for coupons on the website. There is a new school logo as well.

SEPTA: The 2nd meeting was held and consisted mostly of an open discussion on guest speakers, topics and resources. There is a dine-around fundraiser benefiting SEPTA at Cabo Fresh on 12/14/20.

Board of Ed Report: All meetings will be on Facebook live. Good information is shared. The next meeting is 11/24/20, 8:00 pm.

Book Fair: \$1,422 was earned from the fall Book Fair. The proceeds are dispersed once orders are shipped.

Class Pictures: Retakes were yesterday. The composite was a nice memory of the whole class together.

Class Parents: Your efforts, especially navigating around all the new restrictions, are greatly appreciated. We may ease up on some specific restrictions, but continue to consult with your teachers for all direction. Submit your receipts to be reimbursed the \$50 allowance from the PTA.

Fifth Grade: Reminder to send in the \$35 fee via Memberhub or check to cover things like yearbook, pizza, tshirt and more.

Red Ribbon Week: Bingo was extended. Please turn in the completed cards for prizes.

The Nominating and Elections Committee was formed whose purpose is to meet and determine the slate for the 2021-22 school year PTA Executive Board. It consists of three executive PTA board members, Cari Sacks, Kristi Bellissimo and Lisa DelBorrello and two PTA general member volunteers, Diane Inbody and Kate Saar.

A flyer will be going home regarding a Crazy Hair Day on 12/4/20 at MTP to raise awareness for AVM and the Paige Keely Foundation.