

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

Minutes: Minutes from the November PTA meeting were approved. **Correspondence:** None

Treasurer's Report: **Opening Balance:** \$31,997.62 **Income:** \$5,911.01 **Expenditures:** \$1,388.40 **Closing Balance:** \$36,520.23
The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

President's Report: The Superintendent Advisory meeting is being held January 11th. It consists of parents, administrators and doctors who discuss the plan during the pandemic. Tomorrow night is Family Literacy Night which includes workshops and stories being read by faculty virtually. This Friday, January 8th, dress in your best to start the new year in style at school with a celebratory countdown with Mr. Ierano. We are unable to have our regular MTP Blood drive usually held in January, but there is an urgent need for blood, especially B+, so contact NY Blood Center at 1-800-933-2566 to donate. The Holiday Shop was held virtually, and we made \$988.97. Thank you to Denise Citera and Kari Muratore for running that. Mrs. Krikau thanked Mr. Ierano and the school faculty for the virtual clubs now being held. Lisa DelBorrello detailed that the ability of the school to pivot during the challenges of Covid-19 was amazing. She said the engaging virtual clubs in the various grades are appreciated and being enjoyed by many.

Principal's Report: Mr. Ierano said he is optimistically looking forward to 2021. He is excited to do the New Year's countdown and to see the goals of the children from their resolutions that they will be writing down this week. A talent show letter went home with information. The show will be virtual this year and open to students as well as their siblings and family members. The submitted video clips will be compiled to create one large broadcast. This year the show is open to the entire student body. 5th graders will also be able to do the finale act as well as individual acts. Being as this is a different type of year, we wanted to put as few restrictions as possible, he said. The coordinators are Mrs. Metz and Mr. Costigliola. As a reminder to 5th grade parents, please submit yearbook pictures. Mrs. Marturano and Mrs. Torrico are the yearbook coordinators and questions can be directed to them. A link to the Shutterfly website went out by which pictures can be submitted. Parents, please continue to complete the daily health screening online, Mr. Ierano said, because it is very helpful to complete these before the children get to school. He concluded his report by informing that our teachers have been live streaming, and this is available to any student under a quarantine order from the Department of Health.

Teacher's Report: Christine Cole reported on the academics and activities across the grades.

Committee Business -- Fundraising: \$185 was earned for the school from the December Dine Around. The grand total for the Meadow Farms fundraiser was \$4,451.80. We should receive these checks by mid to late January. **Arts in Education:** We have secured all the programs and they will be worked into the schedule of this school year for both in school and remote students. **PARP** packets went home. All the fun elements will still be had. Referencing this year's Monopoly theme, one student from each grade will win Monopoly games as prizes for the bookmark and book cover contests. All students will receive a new book courtesy of the PTA. Bingo will be held in the classrooms. We will be having virtual book readings this year via Google classroom by the teachers, rather than the in-person Barnes & Noble night. We encourage reading of at least 15 minutes each night. Students can mark their progress on the reading logs and play along with the Parp-opoly game board included in the packet. Mrs. Krikau thanked the PARP committee for the great job preparing this year's event. The next **SEPTA** meeting is being held on 1/11 with the topic: Supporting Siblings of Students with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities. **BOE** representative Cathy Jusino shared the highlights of the last meeting: Submissions of interested parties to fill the open board seat are being reviewed; the focus remains on keeping schools open and the return of all students in person; there are \$13.3 million in reserve funds being considered for allocation of upgrades to buildings; discussions were had about nurses being allowed to perform on-site rapid Covid tests and a large percentage of the community agreed to the testing which will keep schools open; snow days and class size were also discussed. Everyone has access to the live streamed BOE meetings on the district website and via their Facebook page. **5th Grade Committee:** The bagel breakfast was held and was a big success. In their classrooms, the students received individually wrapped bagels, Oreo cookies and juice catered by Panera. Two winners were announced for the t-shirt contest: Sreyanth Gaduru and Abigail Nelson. Their two designs were incorporated by Mrs. Lindbom into the final t-shirt design. This year the shirt will be red.

Next Meeting: February 9, 2021

Meeting Closing Time 7:43 pm

Pending Approval

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