

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 February 2021 PTA meeting were approved. **Correspondence:** Letters were read from MTP faculty members thanking the PTA for the bagel breakfast in the wake of the recent loss of two staff members Mrs. Maria Corso and Mrs. Vivian Amato.

Treasurer's Report: 2/8/21-3/15/21 Opening Balance: \$41,392.04 **Income:** \$398.66 **Expenses:** \$367.15 **Closing Balance:** \$41,423.55 The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

President's Report: There is a BOE Instructional budget meeting in April. The BOE will be going back to in person meetings. The March Parent University workshops were recorded, and the content will be posted for everyone's reference. The Islanders virtual assembly was held today and enjoyed by many with the focus on teamwork, reaching goals and making healthy choices. The Nominating Committee was elected and is sending forms home in folders by which members for next board may be nominated.

Principal's Report: Mr. Ierano reported that there are 65 days of school left this year. He is happy to see students enjoying outdoor recess again. When the temperature is 32 degrees or above, and the grounds are not wet or snowy, the children can go outdoors. He announced a new endeavor the school will be involved in, Blankets of Hope, a grassroots organization with the mission of sending messages of hope and supplies of blankets to the homeless population in shelters. Details on how we can help with this wonderful worthwhile cause, that supports those less fortunate, will soon be sent out. Mr. Ierano proudly announced that for the first time ever, MTP has a school newspaper, The MTP Monthly. It is available for viewing on the MTP website. Congratulations to all the 4th graders who put this together under the supervision of Mr. Heedles and Ms. D'Agostino. Mr. Ierano said he enjoyed learning things about the faculty that were reported in February's issue. He also is happy to share that the beloved "egg-citing" Egg Drop tradition will continue at MTP. Students will build contraptions to try to protect an egg as it gets dropped from the roof of MTP by a faculty member. Before school band orchestra rehearsals will be starting this week. A video showcasing the talents of the orchestra will be distributed. Info on upcoming state testing will be sent out via email for the tests given to grades 3 to 5. This year students who opt out will need to remain in the classroom with those taking the test, unlike past years where they went to the cafeteria during testing. For anyone involved in the talent show, there is a Google classroom and that class code is bmq2eoq.

Committee Business:

Membership: Alexandra Leong was announced as the new co-chair joining Lisa DelBorrello. The PTA earned a Founders Day Award from the State for fulfilling membership goals for the month of February. A promotion securing male membership is underway for March.

Arts and Ed: The committee has been busy scheduling wonderful programs across the grades and will be working on some more exciting virtual programs for the students. Programs include: Kindergarten: the adorable Teddy Bear Clinic; 1st grade: Biscuit author, Alyssa Satin Capucilli; 2nd Grade: Dino Man; 3rd Grade: Around the World; 4th Grade: Food Web and Journeys Program; 5th grade: Don't Press Send and Bio Luminescent Magic; All Grades: Awesome motivational speaker and musician Jared Campbell with two assemblies - one for the younger students and one for the older students. We are also looking into possible programs with the LI Aquarium with more to come.

SEPTA: A lot of great info was shared at the last meeting. The topic for the April 12 meeting is meditation.

Board of Ed Rep: It was reported that secondary school students have returned as planned; the district is in good financial state; drop-off issues at Accomsett were addressed; we continue to see a drop in Covid cases ... cases are higher in the secondary schools; starting in April, BOE meetings will resume being in person; guidelines are being followed in the buildings to continue the downward trends of Covid cases; the 2021-22 School Year Calendar has been adopted and is on the district website; there will be live streaming access to sports.

Fifth Grade: T shirts have been given out. Individual class pictures were taken in front of the playground. Permission slips will be on our PTA website for the fifth grade finale of the talent show. The Goldilocks trial will be occurring this year in a fun virtual format that surely is going to be enjoyed. 4th graders will be able to see the program this year too, and parents will be sent a link to watch.

Square 1 Art: Orders are due by Wednesday, March 24th. Info was sent home and orders can be processed by telephone or online. Orders will be shipped free to the school, and students will bring them home. The PTA receives a percentage of profit according to how many orders we receive, rather than how much is spent, so every order, even the smallest, earns money to fund the PTA's programs for the students.

Next Meeting: April 6, 2021

Meeting Closing Time 7:43 pm

Minutes Pending Approval - Date approved: _____ Signature _____, Lisa DelBorrello, Recording Secretary