

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 April 2021 PTA meeting were approved. **Correspondence:** An email was received from Mr. Jackowski and Mrs. Crespo thanking the PTA for being so caring and devoted and for the goodies, colorful signs, cute pictures and other surprises during Teachers Appreciation Week.

Treasurer's Report: 4/5/21-5/3/21 **Opening Balance:** \$41,410.55 **Income:** \$162.67 **Expenses:** \$5,159.85

Closing Balance: \$36,423.37 The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

President's Report: Mrs. Krikau said she was happy to be able to put together a last-minute plant sale in time for Mother's Day. The nursery supplier has run out of Dahlias and Dusty Millers, so anyone who ordered those will be getting a refund. She said May 15th is the district elections and budget vote. May 12th there will be a virtual meet-the-candidates event. She recapped topics discussed at her last PTA Presidents & Superintendent Meeting which included Covid guidelines, courageous conversations, curriculum, equity, and gender-neutral signs were ordered for single occupancy bathrooms.

Principal's Report: Mr. Ierano gave a very big thank you to the PTA and committee chairs Mrs. Saar and Mrs. Mitchell for the incredible effort put forth honoring teachers and staff from the nice decorations to the flyers, bagels and donuts. He asked that any placement letters written be submitted to Mrs. Duckham. The April issue of the Mount Pleasant Monthly has been posted on the school and PTA websites. He said next week Field Day will be held outdoors. The teams will be red, white and blue and the teachers will provide more information on that. He announced that the moving up ceremony for 5th grade will be in person. Each class will have a designated time slot, 2 guests per student will be allowed, face masks and signing in will be required. Regarding our recent blanket drive, Mr. Heedles and other staff members delivered the blankets to Hope House Ministries in Port Jefferson for distribution to those in need. He said we have 34 days left of school.

Committee Business -- Fundraising: This Friday 5/7 is the last day to order from the Meadow Farms catalogue.

Membership: We were honored by the state with a Male Engagement Award which is won when 20 % or more of our PTA members are male because this promotes inclusion of all family members and the community to embrace and support the role of PTA for our children's benefit. Door prizes were drawn--congratulations to reading teacher Roni Cohen and PTA member Kristen Portigiano who each won a sweet treat and crafted beverage from Sweetwaters Coffee and Tea Café in Smithtown.

School Supplies: Flyers were sent home. This is a very convenient way to order all that your child will need for the coming school year. The boxes of supplies will be delivered to the school and placed on your child's desk, all labeled and ready come September. A small portion of the orders profit will benefit the PTA to use for its many programs. The paper order forms are due 6/4 and the last day to submit online orders is 6/25.

Arts and Ed: Virtual programs across the grades continue to be enjoyed with the well-loved Goldilocks trials underway.

Teacher Appreciation: The committee put together a week-long program filled with surprises for Teacher Appreciation Week, Generous local vendors provided donations and discounted items including Soul Bakery in St. James for gluten-free and plant-based goodies, Uncle Giuseppe's, Sweetwaters Coffee and Tea in Smithtown, Bare Naked Bakery in Plainview and Capellini's Trattoria and Pizzeria of Selden which will be providing individual hot lunches

SEPTA: The next meeting is scheduled for May 10th at 7:00 pm and the topic is: Suggestions for Summer Success by SCSD teachers and staff.

Board of Ed: A lot of good information on the math curriculum was detailed. Other meeting content info can be obtained by visiting the district website.

Class Parents: Please make sure friendship lists are up to date with all addresses and provide these to coordinator Kristi Bellissimo.

5th Grade: Congratulatory lawn signs were ordered (as were kindergarten welcome signs).

Outdoor Learning Lab: A presentation depicting the proposed outdoor classroom detailed the plans for a teacher's bench station and student worktables with benches to be added to the central courtyard of the school. The items planned are constructed from recycled plastics Existing structures including plant beds, a vine entwined trellis and a life-sustainable pond will lovingly be restored with the help of local contributors including Olsen's Nursery and Hicks. The PTA approved by a motion and satisfied quorum to add a line to the budget to fund the outdoor classroom which will be dedicated to our recently lost and beloved faculty members Mrs. Maria Corso and Mrs. Vivian Amato.

Nominations and Elections: The nominees for the MTP PTA Executive Board for the school year 2021-22 were elected and they will be sworn in at the June meeting. Congratulations to our 2021-22 PTA Executive Board: **President:** Kristi Bellissimo, **1st Vice President:** Renee Postel, **2nd Vice President:** Lisa DelBorrello, **Treasurer:** Chris Collins, **Recording Secretary:** Linda Biglin, **Corresponding Secretary:** Alexandra Leong, **Council Delegates:** Michelle Krikau and Cari Sacks.

Next Meeting: June 15, 2021

Meeting Closing Time 8:01 pm