

**September 14, 2021** - MTP PTA Meeting Minutes

**Opening Time:** Kristi Bellissimo called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**MTP PTA Board in Attendance via Zoom:** **Principal** Joseph Ierano **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

**Minutes:** Minutes from the June 2021 PTA meeting were approved.

**Correspondence:** Correspondence was read from Mr. Faragasso. He thanked the 5th grade committee for the backpacks, magnets and Moe's gift cards that were distributed to the 5th grade teachers last June. He also thanked them for their time and efforts. Correspondence was read from William Brant who is a MTP alum. He thanked the MTP PTA for choosing him as a recipient for their scholarship. He expressed his gratitude and reflected on the positive experience he had at MTP and indicated his plans for using the money he received.

**Treasurer's Report: 7/1/21 - 9/12/21 Opening Balance:** \$30,814.42 **Income:** \$395.42 **Expenses:** \$1,658.97

**Closing Balance:** \$29,550.87. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

**Budget: Anticipated Income** \$23,180 **Anticipated Expenses:** \$25,550

Kristi Bellissimo made a motion to approve the Budget for the 20-21 school year. Budget was approved

**President's Report:** In a recap from her last PTA Presidents/Superintendents meeting, Mrs. Bellissimo said PTA volunteers and vendors will be allowed in person. Class parents can participate in activities in person. Arts and Ed will be back in person as well.

She indicated there will be a general volunteer list and asked that anyone who would like to volunteer for various PTA events email her at [ptaformtp@gmail.com](mailto:ptaformtp@gmail.com). When volunteers are needed, a Sign Up Genius will be sent out to those who are on that list. Volunteers must be PTA members. She also directed everyone to view the PTA website for important information. The website address is <https://mtp.ch2v.com/>. There are numerous committee chair positions that will be available for next year such as Square 1 Art, New Years Ball, Holiday Shop and Membership. Mrs. Bellissimo asked that if anyone has an interest to email her at the website listed above.

**Council Delegates Report:** Mrs. Krikau shared information regarding the Bond Vote being held on September 28th from 6am-9pm. She shared there will be information sessions on September 21st at 3pm at New York Avenue and on September 22 at 7pm at HS West.

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Ierano welcomed everyone back to school. He gave the school statistics and acknowledged new staff. Mr. Ierano indicated that an email went out stating that Meet the Teacher night will be virtual and teachers will present live from their classrooms. Special Area teachers will be recording videos to be sent out on 9/21. Mr. Ierano stated that the rapid Covid test will no longer be accepted for those exhibiting symptoms. All who exhibit symptoms must have a negative PCR test before returning to school. He also indicated that there will be synchronous instruction for those students waiting for their tests to come back. Mr. Ierano closed his report stating that the goal of this school year is to have as much normalcy as possible. He indicated that clubs and assemblies will be back in person.

**Committee Business - Arts in Education** - In person programs will start this month. On 9/21 there will be a school wide concert with Jared Campbell. Two assemblies will be held K-2 and 3-5. The 4th grade will have the Circus the week of 10/18. Each grade will have two Arts in Ed programs. **Membership** - Membership is \$10 per member. Forms were sent home with your child. You can also sign up online at <https://mtp.memberhub.com/store> **SEPTA Fundraising** - SEPTA is a district wide Special Education PTA which strives to offer information, resources and support. First Meeting will be 10/18 on Zoom. New members can register at <https://smithtownsepta.legacy.memberhub.com/join> and enter the code rd9ce9. Returning members can sign up at <https://smithtownsepta.memberhub.com> **Fall Plant Sale** - Order forms went home with the students. Final payment is due 9/24. **Fundraising** - Look out for the Meadow Farms fundraiser. It will be online from October 1-15. Information will be coming home. **Book Fair** - The Book Fair will be held in person 10/1-10/5. Students will follow a schedule and shop with their classes. There will be a flyer sent home highlighting the details. There will be an E-Wallet option for parents. There will be a guessing jar to raise money and to provide a book for each student. **Spirit Wear** - Fridays are spirit days at MTP. A flyer will be coming home with details on how to shop for spirit wear online. **Class Parents** - Forms went home. Class Parents will be notified on 9/20. There will be a virtual meeting on 9/23 at 7pm. **School Pictures** - Picture day is 9/27 and 9/28. Schedules and ordering information will be sent home. Class photos will be TBD and may be a collage like last year. Make-up/retakes are 11/5. **5th Grade** - Forms will be coming home with information. Families will be asked to send in \$50 for dues that pays for the following PTA sponsored events: Bagel Breakfast, t-shirts, Yearbook Pizza Party and Moving Up Ceremony. Committee chairs are needed for the following committees: Bagel Breakfast (will take place on 10/15), T-Shirts, Yearbook Pizza Party, Beach Trip, and Moving Up Ceremony. Michelle Krikau and Lisa DelBorrello should be contacted by those who wish to chair these committees. The 5th grade class photo will be on 11/5 outdoors.

**Next Meeting:** October 5, 2021 at 7pm

**Meeting Closing Time:** 8:14pm

Minutes Pending Approval - Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_, Linda Biglin 2021-2022 Recording Secretary