

September 17, 2019

Cari Sacks called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

MTP Board in Attendance: 1st Vice President: Cari Sacks 2nd Vice President: Michelle Krikau Treasurer: Renee Postel **Recording Secretary:** Lisa DelBorrello **Corresponding Secretary:** Kristi Bellissimo **Council Delegate:** Kristy D'Errico **Minutes:** Minutes from June 2019 were approved. **Correspondence:** Thank you letters were read from high School West graduating senior student Danielle Zarcone for the scholarship award and retiring teacher Eileen Furst for the gorgeous flowers and beautiful wind chimes. **Treasurer's Report:** Opening Balance (6/19/19): \$27,736.16 Closing Balance 9/16/19: \$26,406.62 **2019-20 Budget** was approved.

Board Reports: Mrs. Sacks welcomed everyone to a new school year at MTP. Our PTA president seat is vacant if anyone is interested. The board has split up the president's responsibilities amongst ourselves in the meantime and we are confident we can handle the responsibilities. The email address for PTA is ptaformtp@gmail.com. Committee lists were made available for signing up. Class parents and friendship forms went out in home folders. We need new committee chairs and volunteers to shadow for Arts and Ed, Board of Ed Delegate, Fundraising, Reflections, SIT, Staff Appreciation and Spirit Wear.

Principal's Report: Mr. Ierano welcomed everyone and said the year was off to a good start thanks to the help of staff at all levels. We have 539 students this year, 26 class sections and 10 large buses. Seats are being assigned on buses. Talk to children please about being mindful and safe on the buses. Grades 2 to 5 will be having a 3rd health/physical education class added as mandated by the State of New York. Each elementary school in the district has been assigned a full-time social worker, and ours is Mr. Heedles. We now have two more building substitutes and a true remedial program with the addition of Ms. Villalta, Ms. Ehlinger, Ms. Fredricksen and Ms. Hoeffner. He is looking forward to a great school year.

Membership committee: Welcome two new chairs, Nicole Schuessling and Kim Jungen, shadowing Lisa DelBorrello. Our goal this year is 400. PTA membership promotes advocacy for the safety and well-being of our children as our national motto "Every Child, One Voice" reflects. Dues also help fund our many educational programs and fundraisers. All funds go back to children's programs. Visit State PTA website for many great resources: NYSPTA.org. Door prize boutique gift certificate was awarded. **Beautification:** Kate Saar is the new person to shadow chair Colette Selzer. Spring and fall outdoor cleanups are among the projects. **Fall Book Fair** Mary Ericksen is shadowing chair Nicole Weimer. Fall dates are 9/16-9/20 with family night underway this evening. Ewallet is a great Scholastic payment option so you do not have to send cash or check to school. Details are on the flyers sent home. Book fair is a big fundraiser for the PTA. We also support and raise money through our poster raffle and Guess How Many Jar for All for Books. This helps build up reading libraries in classrooms, and buys books for children who otherwise do not have access to them. Spring date to be announced.

Arts in Education: Kate Saar to shadow chairs Nicole Weimer & Michelle Cohen. Looking for one more to shadow. 9/16/19 Singing bus driver sang songs to our kindergarteners about school bus safety. Upcoming events: 5th Grade Goldilocks trial, Young People concert, 4th Grade Circus and food web, 3rd Grade Author and Around the World storytelling, 2nd Grade Dinoman and StarLab, 1st Grade Author & Lifecycles, Kindergarten Bubbles. More info to come on 2 school wide events. **School Supplies** fundraiser went very well with Alexander Leong shadowing chair Keri Davide. PTA earned \$700. **Class Pictures** are 9/23-9/24/19. Schedules went home. Call your order in to get 3rd child's photos free. **Fundraising:** Fall Plant Sale forms went home. New Gingerbread Houses fundraiser before Thanksgiving. **Reflections National Arts Program** 2019-20 theme "Look Within" - info coming home. **SIT** (School Improvement Team) needs 2 members to meet with Mr. Ierano and a staff member approx. 7 times in a school year. **Council Delegate** meeting update from 9/9/19-Interim Superintendent Stuart talked about difficult programs and the BOE goals this year, the biggest being a housing committee to study enrollment and building closures. Next **BOE Mtg 11/26/19** at St. James El to discuss immunizations and more. **Class Parents** have been notified via email and meeting to be held 9/23 at 7:00 pm in cafeteria. **Brick Sales** are back. More info to come. **Box Tops** for Education info is coming home. Usually collected before the holidays. **Spirit Wear** has new styles. Order forms will be sent home. **Fifth Grade Committee:** Letters will go home in backpacks regarding additional information and payment. Students will be working on their t-shirt designs in Art Class. Bagel Breakfast is Friday, October 11th – Students only. Two chairs are needed for each of the various events. **SEPTA** note pads are for sale. **Upcoming:** 9/18 – Family Connect Night, 9/23-24 School Pictures, 9/30-10/1 Rosh Hashanah – School Closed, 10/9 Yom Kippur School Closed, 10/14 Columbus Day School Closed, 10/23-31 Red Ribbon Week, 10/31 Halloween parade.

Next meeting is On October 15, 2019 at 7 pm.

Closing Time 8:05 pm