

MINUTES

Packanack Elementary PTO

Date April 11, 2023 *time* 7:03 pm *Meeting called to order by* Tammy Maher

In Attendance Kelly Delaney, Principal Rogalin, Tammy Maher, Jess Galarza, Linda Hogan-Kearns, Alexis Moakley, Cassie DeVries, Fanny Rodriguez, Heather Goldberg, Chrissy Odell, Steph Schermond, Jess Marrotte, Lauren Hackett, Jill Findlay, Lindsay Mullen, Val Shields, Armando Jimenez, Lauren Okaly, Erin O'Boyle, Michelle Forlenza, Allison Diehl, Tina Morton, Lauren Till, Beth White, Erin Dubow, Jen Frederick, Krysty Dimas, Shelley Pasqua-Brown, Jenn DeBari, Jill Reyes, Gelena Veynberg, Amy Scaturro, Wendy Maravi, Karla Dowd, Lindsay Spohn

President Update

- No Council update- Pool Day issues were cleared up
- Science Fair- had 15 groups excluding 5th grade. May do kids choice next year and let the kids vote
- Enrichment- Spring session is closed and we thank all the parents and teachers for their support
- Autism Awareness week- bring in \$2 to support and receive glow sticks
- PTO received a letter requesting a new Buddy Bench from a 3rd grade student who also spoke to a local craftsman to build the bench. PTO will donate funds to help
- Art Show has been canceled for this year
- Silver Graphics raised \$1200- gifts should be delivered by the end of this month
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2 week
- Motion made to waive the reading of March minutes by Lauren Okaly. The motion was seconded by Lauren Hackett.

Vice President Update

- No update

Budget

- Liz was not on to present

Principal's Report

Principal Roger Rogalin presented his principal's report:

- Autism Awareness week- will culminate Friday with an assembly with all the blue glow sticks
- 4/27 will be "take your child to work day"- please fill out the form and your employers note if possible. Teachers may also bring their kids to Packanack
- Harlem Magic show on Fri
- May 8 starts our NJ state testing for 3rd grade, followed by grades 4 and 5
- May 19 is Field Day
- Thank you to PTO, and especially Amy, for all we do for the school

Committee Reports

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- Mrs. White- Autism Awareness update: each day the classes are doing an activity related to awareness. Spirit week continues with theme days. Glow stick \$ goes to raise \$ for Autism Speaks. The kids all loved the Science Fair and rehearsing and seeing all the school shows. 3rd grade field trip is tomorrow to Tenaflly Nature Center and the recorder concert is next Weds.
- Book Fair- Raised \$11k in sales, we got about \$2k in profit. Feb 26th is our tentative date for next year
- Field Day is 5/19. The rain date is 6/2. This will be Mrs. Collins' last Field Day so we will be celebrating that and making it special for her. T-shirt forms will go out soon. Alternate class parents are also allowed to attend. Mr. Rogalin will check to see if parents are allowed to come as spectators also
- Media- nothing to report
- Publicity- continue to take pictures and update school bulletin boards
- 5th grade- May 5 is the mixer with Randall Carter and Ryerson at GW. Please send back permission slip with \$8. June 9 is Pool Day- Outback will donate lunch. Yearbook is almost completed and \$ is due this week, everything looks amazing. Clapout will be the last day of school.
- Service Projects- last service project will be in May- hoping to work with Oasis in Paterson- it's women and children's facility.
- Cultural- 4 weeks from today, May 9 with a raindate of May 10th is our mountain bike expo- highlighting bike safety and anti-bullying. All grades will attend at once.

- Wayne Alliance- Friday is our basketball fundraiser. People are encouraged to carpool as the WV musical is the same night so parking will be at a premium. Food will be cash only. If you didn't get tickets, there is a will call table and look for the yellow Packanack banner, because all of Packanack will sit together
- Family Fest 6/2 or 6/9 as a rain date - Life's a Circus theme, 5:30pm. Magicians, jugglers, all circus themed events
- Earth Day/Garden- We are having a composting company come in to talk about the benefits of composting. Also planning other small activities during the week. We will be holding an after school garden clean up day on 4/17- see sign up genius.
- Teacher Appreciation- We are introducing a teacher raffle this year, each group of class parents to contribute a gift for a large gift basket. Every staff member will win something. Just a reminder that class parents themselves cannot collect any funds for gifts. Class parents need to make a note that each contribution is voluntary. The theme is Packanack teachers raise the bar and each day will have a different themed bar (breakfast, candy, popcorn, etc).

Old Business

- n/a

New Business

- 2 days off before Mem Day weekend and one day off after
- Field update- the town stopped the work on the field because of drainage and wetland issues. Mr. Rogalin will be following up with an email- parents can contact the superintendent with any questions or concerns

Next Meeting

May 2nd , 7 pm, in person meeting

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:53 pm by Tammy Maher .

Submitted by Kelly Delaney, Recording Secretary