

Mercerville PTA, Inc
PTA Meeting Minutes
Date 9/12/17
Time 7:00 PM

Officers in Attendance: Kimberly Miller, Dina Thornton, Amy Ford, Patti Gerber, Michelle Obermeier, Marcia Allen

School Representatives: Jack Byrne, Mrs. Bitner

Volunteers: Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Donovan

of Total Attendees: 22 people

Call to Order at: 7:05PM

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved. Meeting Minutes are posted on the PTA website .
Link: <http://mercervillepta.net>

President's Report:

- PTA received a thank you from Dr. Rocco regarding the purchase of soccer nets
- Save Around coupon booklet sent home today
- Back to School Night was great!

Principal's Report:

- Great Start to the Year!
- Mrs. Carney returned from leave
- Thank you to the PTA for the 1st day of school breakfast for teachers and staff
- Back to School Night was a success! Everything went well.
- PARCC scores will come home via backpack mail. Scores are explained in the letter, but explanation can also be accessed via curriculum tab; click on PARCC; click on PARCC information 2017 in English or Spanish; then access short animated video explaining the scores
- October 9 PD day for teachers. No school for students
- 10/10 2nd grade safety town trip
- Mr. Ketterer: new music teacher- in addition to the usual concert/show schedule he is looking to introduce the bucket drum program. No more than 20 students from 4th and 5th grade. First come/first serve. Home Depot has donated buckets. The students will put different things in bucket, investigate the different sounds, learn percussion and will perform in December. Kids will miss a Thursday period. Ask child what they would miss in order to determine if this program would be the right fit.

Treasurer's Report: report presented. Budget approved at back to school night meeting. Money is built in for security at events and is a separate line item.

Secretary Correspondence: Cesar's bagels letter for donating bagels at teacher's breakfast

Committee Reports:

Book Fair - Oct 10 Kimberly will reach out to volunteers. Need help with student sign up for wish lists and Tues/Thurs evening and Wed/ Friday during day.

Box Tops - \$382.50. Sept 24-30 national box top week. Top class for that week will get a special treat. Will pick them all up on the 29th. Also 2 big sweepstakes. Register once every day online. Both can be accessed at <http://www.boxtops4education.com>

Calendar - let Patti know by September 27th for October.

5th Grade Party - Yankee candle sale begins Sept 15th; Wendy's Dine Out Sept 21st; Oct 24th steak and shake dine out; mountain lion (stuffed plush) orders in October; Dec 11 Red Robin Dine Out Night

Fundraising Update - Barnes and Noble December 11; gift cards Oct 30 with Distribution full day before thanksgiving and in December; pie sales; holiday shop

Library -volunteers to come in for the last 15 minutes of your child's library time and check books in/ out and shelf books so librarian can spend more time with kids to find books and help them. Complete green form that was sent home.

Membership - by the end of the weekend cards will come by email. 100% teacher participation!

Mums - Mums distribution date- Thursday 28th in back parking lot.

School Store - -3-4 times a year. Student buys school supplies. \$1-2. Friday September 29 is first school store.

Trunk or Treat - will email volunteers and get a meeting to plan.

Unfinished Business: Referendum VOTE September 26!

New Business:

- 2 S Plea- 2nd grade wrote a great persuasive letter last year requesting the PTA purchase mountain lion suit. Dina to investigate potential purchase of a lion suit.
- Pta newsletter-email newsletter idea brought to the table by Michelle Obermeier. It would include reminders, questionnaires, survey,etc. PTA approved idea and it will be advertised by a green letter, so families can opt in. Michelle to head up the newsletter.
- Sock collection fundraiser in October connected to TASK. Information to go to Dina and she will follow up
- Sue Formica running for BOE. 6-9P October 11 meet and greet for all candidates at Nottingham Ballroom.

Next PTA meeting is Next meeting October 10

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 PM