



Salk/MacArthur PTSA General Meeting Minutes, September 17, 2015

Maria Xenios started the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Pledge

Maria announced that the PTSA President, Robin Cammarata has resigned for personal reasons. As per our bylaws, the 1st and 2nd VPs declined the position, the current Treasurer, Maria Xenios stepped up and took the position. This vacated the Treasurer position, which Jeanette Stevens stepped into. We now have the 2nd VP of Committees position open, which Maria presented to PTA membership, to see if anyone was interested in doing it. No volunteers were noted.

Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and approved as written. Margaret Costa made a motion to accept the minutes, Eileen Petruzzo seconded the motion.

The Treasurer's Report from May and June was presented. Margaret made a motion to accept, Vicky seconded.

Principal's Report: Mr. Zampaglione, Salk

- New staff members were announced.
- There are some curriculum changes: Living Environment, there are reading interventionists for 6th grade, ELL Part 154
- A very smooth opening this year, Salk has 929. The custodians did a great job over the summer.
- They are looking to fix up the front of the building.
- Room 108 is now the Media room, which will be part of RISE on Mondays, which will be in-house now.
- The Baumann bus strike will affect 50-55 students.
- The Club Fair was held today – they may add some new Clubs based on interest.
- Fall sports tryouts for grad 7 & 8: soccer, football, badminton, cross country)
- Picture Day is October 2
- Guidance Counselors will be pushing into classes during the week of September 21st.
- Fire Drills have been started, Lock-Down drill be next week.
- Random Acts of Kindness students will be rewarded; Lost and Found already starting; Chris Civil Car Wash for Lorenzo Fernandez – proceeds will go towards a table that will be painted green and blue, with #20 on it.
- October 20 – first Rec Night at United Skates, it will be just for Salk
- Building is open to public after 4:00

Box Tops: in the five years that it has been run, we have earned over \$7000! Please continue to send them in!

Principal's Report: Mr. Sheehan, MacArthur

- Mrs. Valentino retired over the summer and Mr. Sheehan is the new Principal. There have been a lot of other administrative changes: Mrs. Rao, returning as Assistant Principal, Mr. Scaduto – Asst. Principal, the Guidance Chair retired, Ms. Liz Picinich is the replacement.
- 1st day of school went very well, drop offs were ok, enough food for everyone, pickups went well.
- All four grades had assemblies.

- Starting with the Class of 2019, every 9th grader is getting a tablet. (current 10-12 graders will not get hem) this enables for in-classroom instruction, as well as at home. By the time the class of 2022 comes in, all students will have one.
This Monday at 7:00 there will be a workshop for the students on how to use the tablet.
- Spirit Week kicks off on Monday to get ready for Homecoming. There are different themes each day. Friday before Homecoming there will be a pep rally on the turf. On Saturday the parade kicks off at noon.
- October 1st at 7:00 is Back-to-School night.
- October 13th the Marching Band will perform at Hofstra for the annual Marching Band Festival.

A parent asked about the traffic congestion and if anything can be done. This continues to be a problem, traffic studies have been done, and there's really nothing that can be done aside from parents being more careful to make sure students stay safe.

President's Report:

- Maria announced how to reach her.
- If anyone has issues with the planners breaking, please contact her for a replacement.
- Last year there was a problem with spirit wear. We now have a new vendor and we will be taking orders very soon. The old items were donated to the school to . The order forms will be online, and emailed out to all paid PTA members. The PTSA will be selling items that other school club teams are not selling, so that no one is competing with each other's fundraisers.
- MacWear is General items for non-sport apparel, is going on now.
- Fall Fundraisers planned: a pre-order plant sale, also the Mixed Bag catalog
- Proposed for spring: Color Run, which will be held from Gardiners to MacArthur
- BJs forms are online and due October 28th

New Business/Announcements/Q & A

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Roma Nowak, Recording Secretary