

Stratford Road Elementary School PTA meeting January 12, 2017.

Meeting commenced at 7:33pm

Aliza Aaronson-Greenberg: Founder's Day recipients for Stratford Road are Mrs. Briguglio and Kim Bell

There is a nominating committee workshop on Jan. 19th at 6:45pm at Parkway. If you're on a nominating committee or are a chair on a nominating committee, this is a valuable workshop to attend.

January 27th is spirit day-wear your hats!

Dr. Clark:

Thanked the PTA for the picture retake day, the holiday boutique and the book fair.

Spring concert will be held during the day for students only, in the evening for parents.

2nd graders are having an in-house Heckscher Museum intro to art museum experience.

Someone from the museum will talk to the children about the artwork in the museum.

3rd grader: there will be a trip to the Heckscher Museum

4th grade: Symphony Space. We are the only elementary school within our district doing this program. Guest artists have come to school already to meet with the children. Students each created a unique musical instrument after meeting with a musician. Today, an opera singer, Juanita, will visit the 4th graders. Juanita is incredible!

Teachers will be participating in professional development. 3rd and 4th grade teacher will do work around reading units (i.e. How long can a child sit and focus during a reading or writing activity?). The goal is to increase volume and stamina.

Teachers are working toward the workshop/station model for the students. The workshop model for math includes centers and smaller groups – our entire district is participating in this. It also includes writing and journaling more in math.

Extra help is offered for grades 2-4 weekly on Wednesday mornings until Memorial Day.

Box tops check is going to be used for indoor rec – bringing activities into the school for physical yet quieter activities.

School is closed during the week of February 20th.

We are getting involved in GAFE accounts (Google Apps for Education). We are exposing the children to chrome books. If you choose not to allow your child to participate, that student won't be able to access what the other kids will be able to.

Danielle/Membership. Our membership to date has exceeded our goal.

Trips: 3rd grade trip to Heckscher Museum in June.

1st grade trip on March 6 and March 14 (split into two sections) to the Conklin House.

There is a ratio of 5.5 kids per 1 adult for trips.

Colleen/cultural arts: David Adler is coming for our author visit. He will be signing copies of his books in advance for students who order. He is the author of the Cam Jansen series and has something to offer everyone.

On March 7th and 8th, we will have our star lab. It is a large "blow up" in which students can enter and see the constellations. In addition, 4th graders will be involved in an art program-the traditional day in clay where they create their own piece of pottery.

Donna/Programs. On Feb. 10th, PARP will begin and will be a full week this year. Papers will be sent home to Kindergartners to be able to sign up for library cards.

Sara/Community Service: Jump rope for heart. February is heart month. The last week in January and first week of February, the gymnasium will be a full obstacle course during rec. This is not a fundraiser. This is not making money for the PTA. This is purely teaching children how to do right in the world.

Krystal/Fundraising: Thank you to everyone for doing so much work on the book fair and the holiday boutique. Jan 30th will begin the Mixed Bags fundraiser. March 6th begins the Yankee Candle fundraiser.

Brianne/Curriculum: 4th grade health curriculum: at one point, alcohol use was discussed. Parents didn't want this as a topic of discussion and has since been removed. Parents need to offer feedback if they want it reinstated.

May 4th at 7pm, Steven Dewey will be doing a presentation for parents regarding children and alcohol. Parents can access information on thisisyourbrainondrugs.org.

Priscilla/President: There is a six page survey asking for personal opinions. If Mr. Bracco wants to do it, he will send it out.

Stacy/Nutrition: The schools will not be doing food samplings because there are too many allergies. Priscilla was at a meeting and reported that the FDA is offering nutrition packets that are kid-friendly including coloring pages. She ordered 600 copies and they're free for kids.

Colleen/Transportation: Updated technology-There is a security system that the police offer us. For example, if the school is active with a shooter, this system allows police to connect into our live feed and have eyes on the scene. They will have an architectural blueprint of our building. This will be up and running in two months.

Dr. Clark: went to a health and safety meeting. We need a uniform process in place among our schools district wide for safety. An example, perhaps, is that upon entry to all schools, security will take your license as they make a visitor pass for visitors. They want greeters to have a lap top to talk with administration – we have that already! We are looking to improve and increase protection. They want to put in new walkie talkies to let Dr. Clark be able to interface with the high school. More updated technology: POBMS would have a piece of equipment to allow Dr. Clark to speak within other schools.

MAPOB will be on March 28th. The musical petting zoo will be at POBMS in the evening. ' High School is getting ready for midterms.

The POBMS play is coming up on Feb. 2, 3 and 4th. Annie Warbucks (the sequel to Annie).

Pretzel sale on Jan 25th.

Mixed Bag 1/30.

Jump Rope for Heart 1/30

PARP Feb. 10-17th

Pretzel sale Feb. 16th

Colleen/blood drive-one of the most successful we've had. Over 125 donors. Collected 90pts of blood which will save over 270 lives.

Little Doctors blood drive will be on 3/9 at Mattlin

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm