

## Stratford Road PTA meeting September 13, 2017

Meeting commenced at 9:35am

### Dr. Clark:

Welcomed everyone back to school. We have 14 new teachers, 9 aides and 2 security guards.

Security: There are two guards at the school who share the time from 8am-4:15pm. They are dispersed throughout the school during the day including, but not limited to,

- Front of the building during arrival and dismissal.
- Outside during rec.
- They will do an entire sweep of the building in the morning.
- They communicate with Brian Horath-our custodian.

Back to school night is next Tuesday.

Laurie Lynn, from guidance, found that a full developmental program is necessary and that school counseling services should be available to all children. In the POB district, Stephanie Graziose Hipps, a school counselor, was added. She will be covering all four elementary buildings. Our district is proactive in recognizing that our kids can be exposed to a potential dangerous environment. The POB district hired a substance abuse counselor to the guidance department. She will be running three different parent academy programs. The first one is on Mon, 11/13 - "active parenting" theme.

Ms. Hipps introduced herself. Each month, she will be pushing into the classrooms for one lesson in addition to offering parent workshops monthly for elementary parents only.

The substance abuse counselor will be educating parents and staff about the trends they're seeing.

### Dr. Clark:

Assessment results for our building were presented at a Board of Education meeting. The report from that meeting is on our district webpage.

Stratford results:

ELA 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 61.1%

ELA 4<sup>th</sup> grade: 78.9%

MATH 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 67.8%

MATH 4<sup>th</sup> grade: 76.9%

AIS is mandatory if a youngster scores a 1 on the test. AIS can be provided for a youngster who scores along a 2. Multiple pieces of data are utilized in analyzing students.

If you have any concerns, please call your classroom teacher.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of school, the entire school had their welcome back assembly. Children are taught the school signal and they sing the school song.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, there was the Code of Conduct assembly. The state requires each child to sign a code of conduct letter.

### Sara and Brianne:

There is a large turnout for our PTA meeting. So glad and grateful to be here.

Discussed what PTA does. You can obtain information by coming to the PTA meetings, during which time you'll hear Dr. Clark speak as well as our PTA reports. The minutes from the meetings are posted on our webpage. The email addresses for our PTA Executive Board are on our page- email us anytime.

Parents are encouraged to be advocates and sign up for a district committee.

PTA gets to enrich our children's education through events we bring into the school including, but not limited to,

- Birthday buttons
- Back to school social
- Halloween
- Native American assembly/activities
- Soar pencils for all kids and so much more!

Volunteers are needed to help with these programs.

Beautification day was discussed. The kindergarteners painted rocks and placed them outside.

You can sign up on line for committees thru the "sign up genius."

PTA fundraises to pay for programs. We began already with the fun books and spirit wear.

PTA now accepts credit cards for payment.

#### **PTA Business:**

Vote of confidence-passed.

Vote for expenditures-passed

The minutes from the June 2016 PTA meeting were approved.

#### **Kim Bell budget:**

"An extra \$5 here and there goes a very long way."

Income: PTA is never taking money. We give back wherever we can (ie: pretzel sales).

Motion to approve budget-passed.

#### **Sara:**

Social media responsibility. Information from Stratford Road PTA will be on our webpage, our official Facebook page or in an eblast.

We're all volunteers. Please think before you post.

#### **Gina-membership**

PTA has 249 members so far.

#### **Kim Bell:**

The audit was passed. The opening budget on hand is \$21, 707.

If you're not getting eblasts, please see Brianne.

#### **Jaime Landis-Cultural Arts and Programming:**

K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade night out is coming up. Volunteers are needed. The night will include the "squeaky clean band." They are known nationwide. The theme will be, "why do children tease each other?"

Teaching there is a difference between snitching (tattling) and speaking out.

#### **Pia-Fundraising**

Kids Stuff books are due by 9/15.

There is still room to be a chairperson for the committee for the holiday gift wrap fundraiser.

A poll was taken for ideas for a Parent's Night Out. Ideas were:

Comedy club, dinner out, attend a sports game, escape room or bowling night, cooking class or paint night.

Spirit Wear-there are pictures of items available for purchase on the bulletin board.

Someone raised a concern that there isn't enough time each day for the students to eat lunch.

This is being addressed.

Dr. Lewis joined the meeting and welcomed everyone to the school year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42am

Class Representatives were selected for each class by lottery. The results are as follows:

Ms. Castagne's class: Cimberly Molbegat, Tachael Melniker and Meredith Starr. Alternate is Lexi Fried.

Ms. Costanza's class: Danielle Walowitz, Jennifer Sneag and Rebecca Wexler.

Ms. Isaacson's class: Sue Brodsky and Jeanine Venza.

Ms. Laykind's class: Julie Fenster, Jennifer Setton and Valerie Lerner.

Ms. Wyttenbach's class: Leah Aversa, Brianne Sulibhavi and John Rogen.

Ms. Gass' class: Aliza Greenberg, Gina Yu and Safia Sattaur.

Mrs. Misiti's class: Elisa Torres, Krystal Herron. Alternate is Elaine Chu.

Mrs. Pollack's class: Jaime Landes and Gina Handburger.

Mrs. Torres' class: Meredith Cohen and Alyssa Keslowitz.

Mrs. Briguglio's class: Lauren Forman and Jamie Gorman.

Ms. Jansky/Ms. DeRosa's class: Neha Sanghvi, Jayme Ramos and Laurie L K-Zadeh.

Ms. Brosnan's class: Danielle Walowitz, Barrie Sklar, Lexi Fried. Alternate is Jennifer Setton.

Ms. Diesenberg's class: Julie Shishko, Jackie Wood, Marisa Pammer. Alternate is Bhavna Shah.

Ms. Bowers' class: Julie Fenster, Bennie Jennings and Erika DeRosa.

Ms. Colicino's class: Nicole Spitzer, Pia Miller, Melissa Tweed. Alternate is Leslie Hilbert.

Mrs. Tomasulo's class: Brianne Sulibhavi, Patricia Wong and Susan Mathew.

Ms. Mormino's class: Cimberly Molbegat, Melissa Mancuso and Gina Handburger.

Mrs. Powell's class: Sahail Aslam, Lisa Lieberman, Adrienne Katz. Alternate is Kim Bell.

Ms. Boyce's class: Krystal Herron, Gina Yu and Jennifer Setton.

Mr. Paskal's class: Neha Sanghvi and Elisa Torres.

Ms. Rosenbloom's class: Leah Saridakis, Lauren Gleiber and Michele Kies.

Ms. Yohe's class: Colleen Mack-Savino, Sharon Blumberg and Priscilla Seidenberg. Alternate is Aliza Greenberg.

Ms. Stratford's class: Kotaro Kinoshita

Mr. Graham's class: Susan Mathew

Ms. O'Connor's class: Donna Morr-Davidson