

## November 9, 2017 Stratford Road PTA Meeting Minutes

- Pledge
- Very successful K/1 Night out
- Grade 2/3 Night out was very successful as well. Thank you to all volunteers for helping.
- Picture Day went very smooth. Thank you for all volunteers. Stay on or before schedule. Proofs are online, Retake day is December 6<sup>th</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class picture is the same day.
- Bubblemania was fun and educational regarding arts and science about making bubbles. Children loved seeing all the creative ways bubbles were formed. Grand finale was 2 children enclosed in a bubble. This was a clear winner as a new Arts and Ed Program
- Symphony Space has just started for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders. We are only school that uses it. Each class has different artist who visits. Includes visual arts, music and dance from the colonial era. Kids will make instruments and perform at the theater when they visit in March. They will also visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
- New tennis court, basketball hoops that are adjustable. Front area that has hopscotch and plain blacktop and hoping for a wall for wall ball. Will have a little more formal opening for the new play area. Mrs. Horowitz has discussed new games with children. Thanks to PTA for supporting the bond projects.
- Upcoming game days. 4<sup>th</sup> grade is on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Kids and staff team up and play a game on scooters. Some teachers are very competitive.  
Kindergarten on December 22  
Jan 12 - 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> to follow.
- Report cards December 12, Tuesday on the portal 13<sup>th</sup> in the morning. School is closed on the 14<sup>th</sup> in the evening for elementary schools for conferences.
- Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> grade winter concert for 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents.
- There will be an early dismissal drill on November 22. Dismissal starts ten minutes early
- Last day of school is Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and we return on Tuesday, January 2, 2018
- Membership – all good, met our goal.
- Treasures report. All checks have cleared and we are in good standing.

- Roving VP – Only missing a few class lists and she is in contact with the parents in the classes that are missing. Looking into the school directory and updating it and sending it out.
- Discussed the picture policy and parents that have opted out of having their child's photo on social media.
- Need volunteers for 4<sup>th</sup> grade night out.
- Pie Sale flyer went out., spirit wear was very successful Vendor is making all shirts.
- Picture day and Book Fair is coming up in December. Gift wrap is being sent direct to home this year.
- Community Service – UNICEF we collected over \$500 & \$575 collected for the school in Florida affected by Hurricane Irma. JDFR sneaker was sent home in the backpack. Sneakers will be posted in the school in the lobby. Mr. Paskal and Mrs. Knee – Doing a book collection for a class
- Lions club is collecting no perishable food in the lobby.
- Mrs. Lindsey is collecting - Makers space donation – area that is set up and put out all types of stuff and create projects. Support the collaboration of creative thinking, Trying to create this in our Imaginarium.

#### District Committees

- Arts & Ed – Day in Clay has been taken off the PTA budget. Arts and Ed can see across the board if there are any commonalities across the schools and see what we are all doing and get ideas from each other. Next meeting Nov 12
- BOE – 2018-2019 calendar. Based on the dates we will not have a February break. 40 families have spoken and requested Diwali and Lunar New Year off from School.
- Health Committee, Hand washing and germs. We have health in 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Certain topics that need to be addressed.
- Parent Academy – Workshops