

Stratford Road Elementary School PTA meeting

October 17, 2017 7:30pm

PTA meeting commenced at 7:38pm.

Brianne Sulbhavi-Co President- thank you everyone for coming.

Dr. Clark- Children have settled into their routines. On 9/28, there was a character education assembly called "stand up, speak out" which focused on students feeling safe and welcome, regardless of their differences.

On 10/12, PSE&G sponsored an assembly called "The Energize Guys." This focused on energy and conservation.

Grades K-2- the fire department came and reviewed "stop, drop and roll" in addition to showing the children some work gear.

Faculty has been busy with a lot of professional development. Teachers may be "absent" for staff development. The goal is for teachers to learn as much as they can about children. Eileen Anino, the chairperson for elementary literacy, said there will be some changes that teachers will implement soon.

4th grade teachers are working with an amazing outside consultant for 5 sessions. Teachers will be out for a full day but what they're learning will have a great impact on the children's instruction.

Classroom and reading teachers are collaborating and talking together to best help our youngsters.

Math professional development is ongoing. We are using the model called intervisitations.

K and 1st grade are working with new science material, beginning with the earliest learners.

Mrs. Lindsey is the elementary STEAM teacher and is working with classroom teachers. Mrs. Lindsey is keeping a log for cutting edge learning. This can be accessed by going to the district web page, then departments, then elementary STEAM.

Grades 2-4 have extra help offered on Tuesdays from 8:35am-9:10am. There are directions on the Stratford Road website about signing up on line.

Brianne/Sara-Co Presidents-The back to school social was great. Many people signed up for PTA committees during the back to school night. We are still selling spirit wear.

Kim Bell-VP Finance- Went over our bank statements. Accounts are in good standing.

VP Programming-K-1 grade night out will feature the Squeaky Clean Band.

2-3 grade night out will be igames.

Volunteers are needed for grade 4 night out.

Elisa-we are partnering up with a school in the Florida Keys which was devastated by the hurricane. Our point person is a guidance counselor there.

Unicef letters go out next week.

JDRF-Juvenile diabetes research fund-letter will go out soon.

4th Grade date change. The circus will be held on Friday, March 9th. The 4th grade party will be on June 8th. Dates were changed because they interfered with a religious Muslim holiday. The kids will still perform in the circus as they always have. 4th grade winter concert will be on Tuesday, 12/19 during the day.

Jaime-Cultural Arts- K-1 night out is all set.

2-3rd grade night out will be on Friday, 11/3/17.

Pia-fundraising- we raised over \$3000 in fun book sales. We've already raised almost \$3000 in the gift wrap fundraiser. Pie sales-the chairperson is putting together a committee for anyone interested. MJ Beanz fundraiser will be on Wednesday, 11/15 from 10am-6pm. If you shop and mention Stratford Road Elem School, you will receive 10% off and an additional 10% will go to the school.

Julie-Ways and Means- Picture day is on Friday.

Jaime-Arts and Ed-had their first meeting. Discussed how elementary school budgets are higher than the middle and high schools.

All programs need to be booked by April 1st. There is a \$1000 allocation for SEPTA. Our Day in Clay is now paid for by the district.

Please try to attend the next Board of Education meeting. The 2018/2019 school calendar will be discussed.

Blood Drive at POBMS on 12/18. There will be a meeting at Stratford to teach all class representatives how to make calls regarding the drive.

Michelle-MAPOB-the recorder sale was very successful. The instrumental petting zoo for 3rd graders will take place on 3/5.

POBMS play this year will be Mary Poppins.

Jaime-PTA council-There was a power point presentation about security. This power point is on the district web site. Council's goals were discussed as was the blood drive.

There is a you tube video on the district website from the Legislative meeting.

Julie-Transportation is now connected to the portal. There is an app called RAVE-the administrators have this. It's a supplement to calling 911. On August 1st, everything was tested with a sergeant and there were no kinks found. There is a new check in system in all schools. This checks the people arriving at the school against the sex offender registry.

A vote on last month's minutes was unable to be done as there wasn't a quorum.

The administrative annex is about to begin construction. The intended move in date for administrative offices is in January.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

