

PTA Minutes
April 7, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Motion to suspend with the reading of the minutes, motion accepted.

GUEST SPEAKER: Lisa Kropp, Half Hollow Hills Library – Budget Vote

Motion to accept the new By-laws, motion accepted. By-laws were approved

Announcement by Nominating Committee of nominations for 2010/11 Executive Board

Co-Presidents: Linda Vitellaro, Dolores Oesterle **VP's:** Susan Iaccarino, Belinda Hellman

Treasurer: Angela Barry **Recording Secretary:** Christine Califano, **Corresponding**

Secretary: Dawn Rosati **Historian:** Dayle-Marie Dalia **Delegates to Council:** Christine

Wohlleben, Rosemary Cook **Alternates to Council:** Kathy Hogan, Terri Zagar

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

- Welcome
- Attendance Sheets – Everyone sign in – Class parents in class parent section (Class parents must be paid members of the PTA and attend PTA meetings) – non-class parents in non-class parent section
- Helping Hands – WILL ALWAYS BE ON TABLE - please sign up to help with the Spring Fling wrapping, plant sale & 5th Grade Graduation set-up
- Spring Fling – April 29 @ Carlyle on the Green. Please send in your donations!
- 5th Grade Celebration – Friday, June 18, 5:00-7:00 pm
- HHH PTA Council Special Events Committee Presents Family Feud- Friday, April 16, 2010 @ HS East @ 7 pm
- Drug Awareness Forum – Monday, April 26th
- HHHTA Scholarship Fund Annual Raffle
- HHH Relay for Life 2010- Event is Sunday, June 6, 2010 @ West Hollow
- Alec's Run – Saturday, April 24 @ 9:30 am (non-PTA event)
- Fundraiser for The Byrnes Family – Sunday, May 23, 3:00-6:00 pm (non-PTA event). Thank you to Dayle Dalia for organizing the event.
- THANK YOU:
- Spring Book Fair, Talent Shows, Founders' Day, Unity Fair, Math Fair, Memory Book, Membership, Bulletin Board, Hospitality, Big Help, Box Tops, Birthday Book Club, Website, **AND ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE HELPED OUT!**

TREASURER'S REPORT: no report

CORRESPONDENCE: no report

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES REPORT: Thank you for the Book Fair. Teachers are looking forward to the Spring Fling and Family Feud. Thank you for all your support

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Cyber Safety for 4th & 5th grade parents at 7:30pm Thursday April 8th. Received a grant to do a special presentation in school for all 5th graders in a few weeks
2. Forum – 21st Century Learning was not very well attended. Planning a Tea with the Principal to discuss “Technology and your Child” sometime in May
3. Autism Awareness Month – donating and decorating Rainbows to be displayed in the hallways
4. Earth Day – April 22nd. “Going Green” for the day in the building.
5. Assessment season has begun. In-View Cognitive Skills Index is going on now. End of April and beginning of May are the ELA and Math Assessments for 3, 4, & 5th grade.
6. Playground use – REACH & HBC will be using the playgrounds after school. We will be closing the gates for the back parking lot at 3:40. Cooperation is necessary!

COUNCIL REPORT:

- Spoke about Cyber bullying
- Governor Patterson proposed a significant reduction in State support for education
- Draft budget discussed and district has offered retirement incentives to its employees
- Hills Foundation – 2 Retirees this year
- Thank you for Founder’s Day which raised \$20,000 in Scholarship money

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- AHAP 4/22 @ 10:00 am @ CO
- Allergy 4/27 @ 10:00 am @ CO – putting policies in place to keep the kids safe
- Arts In Education 4/13 @ 10:00 am @ CO – Dance lessons this week in gym as well as grade level assembly’s. Ask your kids about them.
- Budget 4/8 @ 10:00 am @ CO – Draft budget discussed. A total of 12 teachers, 1 nurse, 6 administrators, 6 clericals, and 2 custodians took advantage of the retirement incentives. Based on the above, the budget increase for the 2010/11 school year has been reduced by 2.97%
- Community Awareness 4/19 @ 10:00 am @ CO
 - o Plans for a Stop & Shop where the old Home Expo was
 - o Ryder Golf Course clean-up has begun. We will wait to see what goes there
 - o Ruland Road – Proposal of 117 one bedroom units on this site. Also talk about affordable housing 2-3 bedroom units which would mean a lot more kids coming to our schools
 - o Drug Forum – April 26th
- Diversity 4/22 @ 7:30 pm @ CO – Unity Fair was a success. Signal Hill was well represented
- Education 4/9 @ 10:00 am @ CO – Patrick Murphy spoke about Physical Education programs in Middle School and High School. Less than 2% of graduating seniors nationwide receive athletic scholarships
- Facilities 4/23 @ 10:00 am
- Legislation 4/27 Suffolk County Legislature Trip – spoke about trip to Albany. Mel Stern and Dr. Morris were recognized for their support and congratulated on their upcoming retirement.
- Nutrition 4/20 @ 1:00 pm @ CO
- PRC/Networking 4/20 @ 10:00 am & 7:30 pm @ CO –
www.slowfood_usa.org time for lunch logo for more nutritious food in cafeterias

- Publicity 4/22 @ 10:00 am – send any flyers to Michelle Turner to post on site. Committee chairs need to give Michelle their e-mail addresses so that she can forward helping hands that are e-mailed to her.
- School Board 4/19 @ 8:00 pm @ Fran Greenspan Admin. Center
- Special Education 4/21 @ 7:30 pm @ CO – Thank your children’s Special Education teachers by placing an ad in the journal
- Special Events 4/13 @ 8:00 pm @ CO – Family Feud – Friday, April 16th
- Task Force 4/15 @ 10:00 am @ CO
- Transportation 4/15 @ 10:00 am @ CO
- Wellness 4/26 @ 10:00 am @ CO

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April:

- Family Feud – Friday, April 16 @ 7 pm @ HS East
- Kindergarten Screening – Monday-Friday, April 19-23 – **By Appointment Only**
- Spring Fling – Thursday, April 29th @ Carlyle on the Green
- Garden Boutique – Friday, April 30th, Mon. May 3rd and Tues. May 4th

May:

- Garden Boutique – Monday, May 3rd & Tuesday, May 4th
- NYS Math Exam Grades 3-8: May 5, 6 & 7
- Spring Concert – May 5th @ 7 :30 pm HSW
- Teacher Recognition Breakfast – Friday, May 14 @ 8:30 am
- School District Budget Vote – Tuesday, May 18
- Kindergarten Orientation – Wednesday, May 19 @ 9:45 am
- NYS Science Performance Assessment Exam Grades 4 & 8: May 24-27
- Volunteers Recognition Breakfast – Thursday, May 27 @ 9:30 am
- **Memorial Day – School Closed May 31**
- ***** Important Date Changes From District Calendar –**
 - o **Garden Boutique: Now Friday, April 30, Monday May 3, & Tuesday, May 4;**
 - o **Teacher Recognition Breakfast: Now Friday, May 14.**

**Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 9:30 am in the Signal Hill Cafeteria
Budget Presentation and Elections**