

## **PTA Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, June 6, 2017

Navy Federal Credit Union

Attendees: Beth Eachus, Barbara Rousseau, Sarah Helmicki, Laura Schmorow, Yusef Azimi, Rebecca Aguilar, Eric Fishman, Celeste Jones, Michelle Alonso, Wendy Pearson, Sandy Pompelli, Carolyn Culhane, Stacey Leimbach, Mary Pat Julian, Katrina Smart, Nene Spivy, Emily Korff, Mary Ann Ressin, Catherine Skinner, Sonya Marsden, and Diana Nash

After lunch, graciously hosted by Navy Federal Credit Union, the meeting was called to order at 12:19 pm. Beth thanked the group and recapped some of the many successes from the 2016-2017 school year, including the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade dinner, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade party, and Cross-town Hoops. She also spoke of some of the new ideas that have been suggested for the 2017-2018 school year, including a new Junior Optimist Club (once a teacher sponsor has been identified), pizza bingo, a spelling bee and the return of the Thoreau auction to help furnish classrooms still in need of furniture and technology.

Sarah Helmicki presented the minutes from the April 20, 2017, PTA meeting. There was a motion to approve the minutes by Stacey Leimbach. Carolyn Culhane seconded, and the minutes were approved as written.

### **Principal's Report**

Mr. Azimi thanked everyone for coming to the luncheon/PTA meeting. He also thanked the PTA for their support and the support of the community that enables the school to do its job, which is to prepare students for high school, the ultimate goal.

He noted that nationwide that there has been a 35% reduction in people entering the education field. Given this, there is a shortage of teachers. However, this issue has not as of yet had an impact on Thoreau. While the school is losing 7 teachers/staff, those positions have already been filled. He suggested that a part of the reason why the school is successful in recruiting and retaining teachers is because of the "community support" that is evident at the school. He greatly appreciates the PTA and parents who help make Thoreau successful.

### **Student Services Report**

Ms. Aguilar reported that the school is finishing up the SOL testing. At this point they are concluding the remediation and retakes for the tests, but the process is close to complete.

### **President's Report**

Beth began her report by thanking the parents with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are moving on to high school. She thanked them for their service to the PTA, specifically recognizing those in attendance: Mary Ann Ressin (School Store), Katrina Smart (Garden), Barbara Rousseau (VP and Crosstown Hoops), and Sandy Pompelli.

Beth continued by thanking the new volunteers for the 2017-2018 school supply kits. More information will be forthcoming in the next week for ordering for the next school year.

## **PTA Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, June 6, 2017

Navy Federal Credit Union

Beth noted that all positions for the PTA board have been filled with the exception of Garden chair and the School Store.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Laura Schmorrow presented the Treasurer's Report. 2016/2017 was successful in terms of income for the school Crosstown Hoops made \$1800 profit, which was more than expected.

### **Committee Reports**

The following committees provided updates:

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party: The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party was held on 6/2 from 6:30-8:30. More than 250 students attended, which was a substantial increase from the previous year in which only about 170 attended.

Talent Show: The talent show will take place on 6/16. There will be almost 20 acts performing at the event.

Landscaping and Courtyard: Beth reminded the group that the PTA has \$5000 in restricted funds to pay for the courtyard design. The cost is estimated at \$8000, given the higher than expected materials costs. The PTA will also continue to sell "bricks" for the second courtyard as a fundraiser. For those interested in purchasing a brick, please contact Stephanie Bollini. The price will be \$50/brick.

Dining for Dollars: Michelle Alonso, chair of the Dining for Dollars fundraisers reminded the group of the last dine out event at Ledo's Pizza on June 7. Ledo's will donate 20% of sales made between 4pm and close.

### **New Business**

Barbara Rousseau made a motion to approve the following slate for the PTA Board for the 2017/2018 school year:

- President – Beth Eachus
- Vice President – Stacey Leimbach
- Treasurer – Laura Schmorrow
- Secretary – Sarah Helmicki

Sonya Marsden seconded the motion. The motion was passed. The slate was elected as recommended.

Barbara Rousseau made a motion to donate half of the surplus profit (\$300) from Crosstown Hoops to the Fairfax Falcons who had an exhibition game at the event. Stacey Leimbach seconded the motion. The motion passed as recommended.

Beth ended the meeting at 1:05 pm.