

PLAZA PTA
Minutes of General Meeting
May 24, 2016

PRESENT: K. Albrecht, Je. Alomia, Jo. Alomia, D. Amato-McCoy, K. Anderson, S. Bruno, M. Caamano, J. Chan, N. Clennon, J. Croshere, C. DeLuca, C. Eckler, O. Estevez, S. Fisher, A. Fullone, D. Gioe, M. Hilburger, C. Laurore, K. Lozada, T. Mark, D. McKeon, E. Notarstefano, M. Ricafrente-Biazon, V. Sookdeo, C. Sostack, D. Taveras, C. Ugbala, A. Vera, K. Wunsch

CALL TO ORDER: Doris McKeon

7:06pm Pledge of Allegiance, Emergency exits and procedures, no smoking, cell phones on vibrate. Parking rules, driving precautions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Doris McKeon

Any changes or corrections to the minutes from the last meeting? Seeing none, minutes have been accepted as written.

Motion to approve \$3,000 from PTA treasury to be held over until September. Motion approved by Christina Eckler, seconded by MaryKate Caamano.

Thank-you to Vicmarie Sookdeo and Christina Eckler for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Lunch. Thank-you to Jose Alomia for all of his hard work on Memorial Day Parade float, banner, and ballon arch. Thank-you to Danielle Gioe and Shani Bruno for Memorial Day Parade Cheerleading Program. Thank-you to Elissa Kirchner for Plant Sale. Thank-you to Elaine Notarstefano, Khem Khan, and Christina Eckler for Friday Fun Snack Program. Thank-you to all those who voted on the school budget. Budget passed and Joel Press re-elected for second term and Susan Cools elected for first. Thank-you parents who sat during Plaza's Fun Vote. PTA Council Luncheon at the Coral House was a success. Retirees were honored. Council installed its new board. Dr. Camhi was recognized as NYS Superintendent to Watch.

PRINCIPAL'S PREPORT: Mr. Gray

Please come out to Plaza PTA's Installation Dinner at the Coral House on June 15th. Encourage friends to come to celebrate the school year. Wants to take opportunity tonight to thank the people in this room. As principal, special events, assemblies, everything that makes a school extra special is because of parents who give their time and energies. Thankful also to have my teachers up here. Team effort to make Plaza the special place that it is.

Winding down the school year. So much that goes on. Creating class lists. Fifth graders have lots of activities. Hope will have good weather on Friday for Field Day and Plaza Hopes Walk. Want to take another picture on the roof of the building from Plaza Hopes Walk. Open the floor to questions.

Questions: D. Amato-McCoy: In the past when we've had a cancer awareness event, had banners for survivors or someone who passed. Will there be something like that Friday?

MG: Nothing in motion. Some people on the team who were involved in that. Maybe can incorporate something like that if/when we do it again.

M. Caamano: Can kids wear Plaza Hopes t-shirts after Field Day for Hope Walk?

MG: Yes. We can also create a day where they can.

C. Sostack: With Friday being an early dismissal day, what will that mean for afterschool program?

MG: That is why Hope Walk is ending sooner. Oldest siblings will go to dismissal door of youngest sibling's class. Reading teachers, TAs, those assigned to after-school program. They

are in cafeteria before moving down to the gym. Going back to original procedure. Will send out another notice, probably Thursday with detailed information about how the end of the day will proceed.

TEACHERS' REPORTS: Mrs. Egan, Mrs. McCabe, Garguilo

Grade K: Excited for Field Day, green shirt, parents invited, field trip to White Post Farms June 1st, permission slips coming, Doughnuts for Dads on Monday, June 20th, walk to Carvel in RVC same day.

Grade 1: Field trip to Bellmore playhouse, working on three-dimensional shapes, Memorial Day Parade Monday, plants, enjoying responsibility with 2nd graders in watering plants in new Plaza garden.

Grade 2: Butterflies have hatched, studying life cycles, got new computer magnifiers to see transformation, Farmer Reece, taking turns watering the garden, please visit garden to see how children, field trip to Schmidt's Farm this Thursday, in math learning about three-dimensional

Grade 3: Studying country of choice in preparation for International Day which is June 15th, reading informational texts, in math studying perimeters and geometry, in science weather and social studies simple machines

Grade 4: Preparing for NYS Science assessments, laboratory Wed, June 1, written following week, in writing learning about genre of fantasy, history/social studies events that led up to the Revolutionary War, this month field trip to LI Museum in Stony Brook

Grade 5: Field trip to Coleman Country Day Camp, working on fifth grade art project with Cliff Mendelson ("Day in Clay"), made new friends at Unity Day, looking forward to last Field Day, US History from 1950s-1990s, literature, social issue book clubs, chemistry unit, human body, how to make healthy choices, looking forward to June Moving Up Ceremony.

Ms. Beck, excited for Field Day this Friday, wear sunscreen and shirt color assigned to grade. Rotary Track flyers went home. Meet is next Thursday, June 2nd. All students grades 3-5 are being asked to pick an event and sign up. Rest of school year learning outdoor summer games like badminton.

M. Gray: Ms. Beck won NYS Physical Educator of the Year award.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Vicmarie Sookdeo

Christina Eckler has agreed all disbursements, allocations, and collection have been properly calculated.

(please see Treasurer's Report for details)

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as read: Christine DeLuca; seconded by MaryKate Caamano

1st Vice President of Legislation A. Vera: Nothing to report.

2nd Vice President S. Diaz (Absent): Nothing to report.

3rd Vice President of Health & Safety C. Eckler: Nothing to report.

4th Vice President of Fundraising D. Gioe: Nothing to report.

Recording Secretary S. Bruno: Nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary Doli Taveras: Teacher/Staff Appreciation cards and letters: Thank-you from Mrs. Marrero, Montgomery, and Sofarelli; thank-you from Mrs. Arrow; thank-you from Mrs. McCabe; thank-you from Mrs. Steingruebner; thank-you from Mrs. Garafo (new resource room teacher); thank-you from Mrs. Cassandro.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS:

S. Bruno: Last Cultural Arts event next Friday, June 3rd. Flyer went out. School-wide assembly on robotics. Interactive and fun.

Memorial Day Parade Cheerleading Program. 28 girls. Excited to cheer for Plaza School.

V. Sookdeo: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Lunch: thank-you for donations and volunteers. PTA give-back Movie Night for grades K-2 was stressful but successful; next one for grades 3-5 will be "Minions." Please come out to Installation Dinner June 15th. Adults Only. Music, dinner, fun.

J. Croshere: Sent home Adventureland flyers. Will be Saturday, June 11th

Swirl Bliss PTA fundraiser will be Tuesday, June 7th.

Je. Alomia: School supplies order forms have gone out. With new company, you will be able to customize order so you don't have to buy items you already own or just don't need. Order period starts June 1st and goes through summer, ending three weeks prior to school start date. Will be on Plaza PTA and Plaza Parents websites.

Ms. Beck (D. McKeon): Rotary Track date has changed to Thursday, June 2nd at the high school. It will be from 3:45-6pm. Can leave after your child competes in their events.

D. McKeon: Thank-you to my Board, particularly Vicmarie Sookdeo and Christina Eckler for going above and beyond the call of duty, taking on a million responsibilities and always coming to my aid.

"Old Meets New": (See pink sheets for new committee leadership) D. McKeon presented "old" chairs with Plaza PTA frisbees in appreciation of their hard work and service.

Old Business:

M. Hilburger: Need committee for Honorary Life Award. This year was Miki Hilburger, Christine DeLuca, and Vicmarie Sookdeo. Deena Amato-McCoy agreed to chair next year.

Also need Rotary Track Committee Chair. This year and last was Stacey Heuser.

New Business:

V. Sookdeo paid tribute to Doris McKeon for her leadership, dedication, and service as our outgoing PTA President. She presented her with a cake.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by PTA Recording Secretary Shani Bruno on May 26, 2016.