



Slingerlands Elementary PTO

"Always Our Best"

September 14, 2016

MINUTES

I. Introduction

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:10
- B. All attendees introduced themselves
- C. No changes to the agenda

II. Treasurer's Report

- A. Katie O'Brien provided an executive overview of the treasurer's report
- B. Karyn Pauze was introduced as co-treasurer.
- C. High-level breakdown of expenses and income was also provided
- D. Additional instructions for committee co-chairs forthcoming

III. Special Presentation

- A. Catherine Brenner from the Bethlehem Public Library introduced herself.
- B. January is National library card sign-up month
- C. She offered her assistance to children and adults throughout the school year

IV. Discussion and Voting Items

- A. Principal
 - 1. Heidi welcomed all attendees.
 - 2. Kindergarten transitioned into the school nicely
 - 3. There are 497 students, 48 of them are new to Slingerlands out of 63 total that are new to the district's elementary schools
 - 4. The safety plan has been updated, with the front doors locked until 9:10 am. Schools Out must enter through the cafeteria, and there are new double doors in the vestibule. Evacuation drills are replacing fire drills, and there will be 8 per year, along with 4 lock-down drills
 - 5. Open House is 9/15, which is adults only
 - 6. Slingerlands 75th Birthday celebration is on 9/25
- B. Teacher Representatives
 - 1. Mrs. Clarkson thanked the PTO for start-up funds, RAZ kids, and field funding

C. Co-Presidents

1. Jen Vener introduced herself, and provided an overview of the Ashley Martucci Fundraising event. Both corporate and clothing donations are also appreciated
2. Upcoming Events
 - International Walk to School day: 10/5
 - Yankee Candle Sale: 9/19-10/17
 - Monster Mash: 10/28
3. Call for Volunteers
 - Co-chairs needed for school/community outreach
 - 2 attendees volunteered for walk to school day
4. Requested that committee co-chairs do not ask for help from the front office staff at the beginning or end of the day. Middle of the day is fine; they are certainly willing to assist, but we ask for cooperation with timing.
5. Welcome Back forms are due Monday, September 19th
6. Committee Co-chair announcements
 - The Slingerlands Tools 4 Schools code at Price Chopper is 15749; encourage friends and neighbors to sign up as well
 - Math and Science nights will be held in December and January. Looking for volunteers to shadow the current co-chairs, to be able to take over next year.
 - Volunteers needed for Thousand Books next year

V. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Have a Great Year!