

**RPES PTA Meeting**  
**12/8/2022**  
**Via Google Meet**

Attendees: Julie Allen, Mr. Allen, Katie Baril, Shiloe Bartlett, Sara Brandenburg, Leon Breton, Jessica Carhide, Jamie Cavanaugh, Kathryn Cooke, Kristen Crumb, Erica Davis, Elaine Garrett, Ashley Giaquinto, Mr. Gregoire, Elizabeth Jamison, Emilie Johnson, Kelly Juliano, Tracy Krom, Kimberly LaJoy, Michelle McMahon, Delmarie Moore, Zerlina Ochis, John Raup, Melissa Santarcangelo, Katie Stalker, Robert White

Meeting called to order by Julie Allen at 6pm

**Treasurer's Report - Sue Moreno (reported by Julie Allen)**

- Beginning balance of \$23,710.69
- Total income of \$863.78, Burghopoly sales, Save Around, PTA memberships
- Expenses were \$8167.04
- Ending balance of \$16,407.43

Motion to approve treasurer's report by Mrs.Giaquinto and Mr.Gregoire

**Secretary's Report**

- Minutes of last meeting prepared and submitted by Michelle McMahon

Motion to approve by Mr.White and Mr.Allen

**Principal's Report -**

- Thank you to the PTA for the holiday shop and the winter movie event
- Capital Project update, new playground with a rock wall, new slide, zipline, swings, cafeteria colors will stay the same, an outdoor classroom, colors will be chosen for this area by stakeholders
- Thank you to Mrs.Eckler for the holiday photo, raised \$840 for Clothe-a-Student
- Parent/teacher conferences have had good participation from parents
- 12/15 is our winter concert, hearing one of their practices, they sounded great

**Self-Contained Report**

**Baril**

- We have continued to work hard on being a good friend and making good choices in the classroom.
- We discussed the word Thankful and what that means to us.
- We drew pictures of who we are thankful for and shared with each other.

- We ended the month with a Thanksgiving lunch complete with turkey and pie.
- Now we are ready for Christmas in our room

### **Brady**

- We are more than half-way through reading *The One and Only Bob*, and are doing an excellent job discussing key vocabulary, working on summarizing, discussing characters and events in the story. We are even learning about different animals and severe weather which come up in the book to tie in with what we are learning in science.
- We finished up our writing unit: All About Fall by writing poems about fall, narratives with a leaf as the main character and even about what we love most about fall. We are now going to work on stories as if we were a Gingerbread boy or girl and write a How-To decorate a gingerbread cookie as we read many different interpretations of the classic tale: The Gingerbread Boy to use as mentor texts.
- In math we finished up our geometry unit on 2D & 3D shapes and have moved into working with fractions. We are also getting better at explaining our mathematical thinking to the class by telling what strategy we chose to solve the problem (i.e. tens frames, draw a picture, write an equation).
- We are working on strategies for active listening and thinking before doing something through the Second Steps program with Mrs. Watts (the school social worker) to help us better understand others- learning how to show empathy & kindness and help with problem solving.

### **LaBella**

- Reading, taking what we learned about story elements and using that to help us summarize a literary text
- Students have been working on their own personal narratives, telling a true story about themselves that has a beginning, middle and end
- Math, continuing to work on applying what we know about addition and subtraction to solve word problems
- Students are making progress with working with a partner by listening to and respecting their partner's ideas.
- They are also getting better at explaining their mathematical thinking to the class by telling what strategy they chose to solve the problem (i.e. tens frames, draw a picture, write an equation).
- We enjoyed a Thanksgiving celebration. We made applesauce and enjoyed some pumpkin pie and cornbread. We have so many exciting things to look forward to in December too, including our first field trip and making gingerbread houses!

### **Hoteling**

- November flew by for those of us in Room 109.
- It seems like we just celebrated Halloween and then we broke for Thanksgiving.
- Leading up to the holiday, we tried to incorporate the theme of Thanksgiving throughout our lessons.
- We especially tried to focus on what we are thankful for.
- We heard many stories about what students had to give thanks for, and cards were written to thank those that have affected us.
- We also saw many math worksheets with Thanksgiving themes.
- In science, we learned about ecosystems and how natural and man-made situations can affect those ecosystems.
- In social studies we are starting to learn about culture, not only our own but we'll be exploring other cultures and how they compare to ours.
- Our book for December is "Island of the Blue Dolphins" and the kids seem to be enjoying it.
- As we get farther into December, we'll be thinking about Christmas and tailoring lessons around that theme

#### **4th Grade**

##### **Allen**

- In ELA we are working on context clues, narrative writing
- Math we are multiplying 2x2 numbers
- Science, energy transfer
- SS, native Americans / explorers
- Field trip to NYS Museum is 12/20

#### **5th Grade**

##### **Gregoire**

- Math, decimal operations, long division, we are piloting a new curriculum that will be up and coming
- Science, matter and energy flow ecosystems
- SS, Western hemisphere, Aztec Incas and the impact on today's world

##### **White**

- ELA - finished narratives and short responses,
- Informational and procedural text
- On to non-fiction by the new year

##### **Ms. Jamison**

- Made a slideshow on the book A Walk in the Words, the author is dyslexic, every student will make a snowflake, he is a successful author and illustrator

- Fun Friday, one book each month

### **Old Business**

- PTA membership is 95, still need 12 more
- BINGO night, the announcer could have been more cheery
- Book fair, 807 items - \$4880.11 goes back to Scholastic, we get Scholastic dollars, \$2290.06 used for birthday books
- Picture retake was delayed a bit but was still done by noon

### **New Business**

- Holiday shop, kids enjoyed this, thank you to Elaine, Emilie and Shiloe who helped 12/8 - Friday was a busy day due to the 3rd grade field trip on Thursday
- Next Tuesday, Snow much fun is movie night at 6 with popcorn and hot chocolate
- Guptil's night will be 1/13, with TES
- Burgh Christmas parade this Saturday, spearheaded by Tony Buchanan, HS/MS carolers, starts at 3PM at the old Price Chopper ending at Powers Park, hot chocolate, cookies, tree lighting
- Julie's 2-year term as Co-president will be ending in June, it's a lot of fun, she is willing to train anyone, start thinking about it now

Meeting adjourned by Julie Allen at 6:22pm

Motion approved by Mr.Allen and Mr.Gregoire