

Middlebrook Elementary School PTA  
Membership Meeting – Monday January 10, 2022  
Middlebrook Elementary School-Zoom

Middlebrook Elementary School PTA convened in the cafeteria as well as via Zoom for a regular meeting on Monday January 10, 2022.

*In attendance:* Jen Farmer, Stacy Screpetis, Kate Cooke, Rachel Dalton, Katie Smolinsky, Sarah Parker, Melanie Kostopoulos (5), Merrilee DeFarias (5), Christina Dobi (3), April Lang, Sylvia Kapica, Stephanie Tabor-Jones, Myra Jenkins-Francis.

- i. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
  - a. Mrs. Farmer called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.
- ii. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Verbal introductions were made.
- iii. President's Report
  - a. Volunteer forms need to be completed for parents to come into the school for events. There is currently a two-week turnaround period on clearance.
  - b. A Valentine's Day fundraiser was proposed where students could buy flowers to be given to Teachers in the building. Merrilee will put together pricing for different flowers.
- iv. Principal's Report- None.
- v. Teacher's Report- None.
- vi. Vice President's Report- Kate Cook reported that the yearbook was getting started, cover choices will be sent to the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to vote on. We are using a new vendor this year and a committee will be put together soon. Katie Smolinsky reported on the school store. It will be moving to Thursdays and the volunteers are booked. It is doing very well, and it was proposed to raise the budget to \$6,000 for the year. Restocking is needed every month. Thus far we have doubled our money in profit. The budget increase was passed.
- vii. Secretary's Report- Minutes from the meeting on 12/20/21 were presented. Jan Farmer made the motion to approve, and Katie Smolinsky seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.
- viii. Treasurer's Report- The budget is working well. The taxes need to be done and Rachel will be meeting with an accountant tomorrow.
- ix. Committee Reports
  - a. Yearbook- 5<sup>th</sup> graders to vote on the cover selection soon.
  - b. Mixer- Still collecting donations and there will be a meeting next Monday. Volunteers will be needed to go to restaurants and solicit donations. Thus far 44 items have been donated. 350 emails have been sent and will be following up.
  - c. Book Fair- The next fair will be the week of March 28<sup>th</sup> and it will run for two days.
- x. New Business- April brought up the book drive. Books would be collected, leveled, and given to teachers. Extra books could also be used as free giveaways at the book fair. They could be dropped off to Heather or April. Planting pollinators and native shrubs in the drop-off circle was discussed. Approval from Mrs. Ponte would be needed. The ASE Environmental club could clean

up the area and dig for plantings. There is a \$500 budget for the courtyard, maybe that could be used towards the circle? There will be a push to support the new budget. There are big Special Ed additions. The budget will be posted on the Middlebrook website.

xi. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Next meeting is February 7th at 7:00 p.m.