

Middlebrook Elementary School PTA  
Membership Meeting – Monday March 14, 2022  
Middlebrook Elementary School-Zoom

Middlebrook Elementary School PTA convened in the cafeteria as well as via Zoom for a regular meeting on Monday March 14, 2022.

*In attendance:* Jen Farmer, Stacy Screpetis, Kate Cooke, Rachel Dalton, Katie Smolinsky, Sarah Parker, Merrilee DeFarias, Shelly Alvarado, Yuanxiu Liang, Ana Lopez, Wendy Storms, Melanie Kostopoulos, Christina Dobi, Nirmal Daruka, Mrs. Ponte.

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Mrs. Farmer called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
- ii. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Verbal introductions were made.
- iii. President's Report
  - a. There is a new Assistant Principal, who will be at the school two days per week, W/F but is flexible.
  - b. Volunteers are needed for the bookfair, plant sale, and K school store. We should have the time slots for the book fair this week. June 8<sup>th</sup> will be the 5<sup>th</sup> grade talent show in the evening. Only 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents can attend. There is a meeting 3/31 at 7 p.m. for the talent show.
- iv. Principal's Report- None.
- v. Teacher's Report- None.
- vi. Vice President's Report- Katie Smolinsky reported that a cart has been created for the Kindergarteners to shop the school store. The school store is doing very well, making around \$600 a month. Kate Cooke reported that the yearbook cover has been selected and she will be meeting with the yearbook contact this week. They will start flowing in the student portraits. The completed book has to be submitted May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The photographer is coming March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> to take class photos as well as photos of clubs. Mrs. Ponte will put this in the newsletter. There will be a Facebook post asking parents to upload photos for the yearbook. If anyone is going in to classes for activities they can take photos but cannot share them to social media, they can only be used for yearbook use. Stacey reported that Bingo will be held 4/29 at 6 p.m. and the building use form is being submitted. There will be snacks served inside and door prizes are needed.
- vii. Secretary's Report- Minutes from the meeting on 2/7/2022 were presented. Two corrections were presented. Kate Cooke 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 was updated as of yesterday, and it is healthy. July-March had \$57,497.70 in revenue. Expenses were around \$42,000.
- ix. Committee Reports
  - a. Yearbook- Update given during Vice President report.

- b. Mixer- 34 tickets have been purchased and there are 9 teacher donations thus far.
- c. Book Fair- Volunteers are needed and are open to all. Katie and Merrilee will be there all day. The same schedule will be kept from the Holiday Boutique. Volunteer opportunities are on Toolkit.
- d. Plant Sale- Volunteers are needed. May 2<sup>nd</sup> set-up will be in the afternoon, May 3<sup>rd</sup> sale during the day and in the afternoon (4:30-7:30) and May 4<sup>th</sup> during the day. Leftovers can be sold at the International Festival. There will be a pre-order form.
- e. International Festival- Budget is approved to be increased to \$1500.
- f. Father's Club- Waiting to hear back from Mrs. Ponte about the Special Person dance. Possible date of April 8<sup>th</sup>?
- g. Sunshine- Will be spreading love on St. Patrick's Day in the drop-off circle as well as to the Nurse, Principal, etc.
- h. Fifth Grade Activities- The group went to Rock and Jump in February, there were 60 kids and 2 teachers. There will be an activity every month going forward and a pool party the week before Graduation. Adding a dance on May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- i. Spirit Wear- Need an increase in budget to purchase extra spirit wear to have on hand for purchasing.
- j. ASE- Finalizing Spring session to be ready on Friday, sign-up starting Saturday. It will start on April 8<sup>th</sup> and run 6 weeks. There will be 2 classes per day, one in the gym and one in the cafeteria. Requesting 2 full tuitions to be sponsored by the PTA for those who cannot afford the programming.
- k. Teacher Appreciation- Teacher Appreciation week is the first week of May. There will be a St. Patrick's Day set-up with treats and masks for the Teachers.
- x. New Business- None.
- xi. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Next meeting is April 11<sup>th</sup>.