

**Commack PTA Council
Executive Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2009**

Meeting was called to order at 8:02pm. President Eleanor Stentiford presiding.

The pledge was said.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund: Share Draft Checking - \$0.00 Money Market - \$19,597.64

Scholarship: Share Draft Checking -\$ 2,031.00 Money Market - \$41,859.32

June Minutes: Were reviewed and stand approved with the following corrections: The blood drive is November 18, and in Dr. Feltman's report, the unidentified person was at Sawmill.

Correspondence:

- Janine couldn't be present tonight and will report at the next meeting.

Superintendents Report:

Dr. Robb-Fund:

- The handwriting program is working out well.
- Next week 4th grade parents will get a user name and password to access the math text book online.
- Influenza is in all schools. We still do not have dates for the H1N1 vaccination clinic. We have ordered 12,000 doses and have received about 100 so far.
- Tomorrow is conference day, the K-5 staff will be taking the American Red Cross Friends and Family CPR course.

Dr. Feltman:

- Dr. Feltman announced that he will be retiring on July 1, 2010 after 41 years in education.
- Dr. Feltman received an e-mail from a parent regarding not getting a mailing on the H1N1 vaccine. He asked if that is what we wanted, or if we were OK with just getting the e-mail notifications. The consensus was no, e-mail notification was fine.

Presidents Report:

- Unit's first membership payment was due on 11/1.
- Taxes are due 11/15. If the IRS contacts you, Suffolk Region wants you to contact them, not the IRS, and they will help you.
- Please keep using backpack news.
- Let Eleanor know if book any of the Atty. General or Library presentations.
- We are looking at a possible reduction of \$1.7 billion in state funding due to mid year budget cuts. Please send letter to your legislators, go to www.capwiz.com/npta2/ny/home for a pre written letter you can sign, or write your own.
- Please go out and vote tomorrow.
- Suffolk Region has many training workshops available, please look into them.
- Thank you to Jackie for providing refreshments at the BOE recognition night.
- November 15th is 15 minute early dismissal
- November 18th is the blood drive, 11am-7:45pm at Burr.
- NYS PTA Convention is November 13th – 15th in Saratoga Springs.

- Be advised that there is a PTA Advocacy Award, which you can give to anyone in your unit. It costs \$1.00 and info is up front.
- Suffolk Region provided PTA membership information : CMS is #1 on the list for PTA memberships, Burr is #2, CHS is # 8, and SEPTA is #11!
- Brenda Lentsch is willing to give a workshop on how to navigate the districts website.
- Thank you to Brenda for getting the directories online.
- Please remember to use the directories for PTA purposes only.

Committee Reports:

Arts in Ed:

- Going smoothly.

Budget:

- Met with Dr. Feltman and Mrs. Newman about the workshops.

Disabilities Awareness:

- Met with all school units to explain how things work and getting programs booked.

Education:

- Experts say the introduction of engineering in grades K-12 has the potential to improve science and mathematics achievement in those students. For more info go to: www.sciencedaily.com.
- The new regents examination in Algebra2/Trigonometry will take place this coming June, this replaces the Math B regents.
- 13 states still don't report the graduation rate of English-language learners, so we are not getting a good measurement on NCLB goals. NYS does report on this.

Environment:

- Steve Stern has been working very hard to stop the Intermodal.

Founder's Day:

- February 4, 2010 at the Watermill Inn in Smithtown.
- Packets containing instructions, invite, and seating chart sample will be e-mailed shortly.
- Please forward recipients names to Annette Muller by mid November.
- Any questions, please contact us via e-mail:
 Laura Giusti: laurajeang2001@yahoo.com
 Mary Lionetti: marylion@optonline.net
 Annette Muller: alyssanicolelis@optonline.net

Health and Safety:

- The Blood Drive will be November 18th at Burr, the response has been very poor so far.

Historian:

- Please send pictures of the Founders Day recipients to Judy Murphy.

Hospitality:

- Thank you to Maria and Jackie.

Newsletter:

- For the Dec/Jan. issue, we need reports for the following committees: Budget, Education, Legislation, Disabilities Awareness, and the names of the Founders Day recipients.

Nutrition:

- Free and reduced lunch applications are being accepted, there is a 28% increase so far. This process is confidential and the child is not identifiable on the lunch line as all children use the same card for purchasing lunch.
- Menus were reviewed and adjusted. There is now a lunch bag icon on the website in backpack news for access to lunch menus.

- International Tuesday will be on a Thursday one day in November. In following months it will be twice a month based on school closings.
- Nurses in the primary schools are enforcing the rule that children with food allergies must have food from home during celebrations.

Publicity:

- The Senior Citizen Matinee is this Thursday at CHS.
- November 13th is Commack Idol semi-finals. Tickets can be bought at the door.
- November 4th is Support Your Troops Day. Bins are in all schools to collect items.

Reach:

- Smithtown Youth Bureau is continuing with Leaderspeak.
- Smithtown Youth Bureau would like to offer parent workshops in schools.
- Reach CYA has over 30 students participating in the after school game room at CMS, and about 15-20 children at the Friday night program at Old Farms.

Scholarship:

- We are currently selling Macy's gift cards.
- The Macy's Shop for a Cause raised about \$435.00.
- Modells will be the next fundraiser.

School Board:

- BOE recognition night had presentations from each school, pictures are posted on the website.

SEPTA:

- Our first meeting had a large turn-out.
- Next meeting is November 10th at WP.
- The Holiday Boutique will be at CMS at 7:00pm on December 3rd.
- We are selling Med-Safes online with the Coalition of Caring. For a limited time they are \$39.95, SEPTA gets 10% back to them.
- We are selling Game Vault which holds Nintendo DS games. All fundraiser items will be available at the Boutique.

Teacher Representatives:

Primary:

- Parent-Teacher conferences have started.
- American Education Week starts November 16th.
- November 25th is the Emergency Management Drill 15 min. early dismissal.
- Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Secondary:

- The HS drama, Dracula, is this weekend.
- Food Drives begin November 12th and 16th at the MS and HS.

Website:

- Everything is posted.

School Based MGMT:

- Meeting this Tuesday.

New Business:

- Thank you to Brenda for posting information for the Coalition of Caring.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:48pm.