

Battle Hill PTA Minute 10/6/15

Attendance: Anita Laverity, President
James Jensen, 1st VP
Ilda Olivera, 2nd VP
Mary Bentivegna, Corresp. Sec.
Denise Castro, Rec. Sec.
Mr. Hoyt, Principal
George Aleu, Treasurer

Started at 7:05 pm

Flag salute

Roll call of officers

Minutes:

Principals Report:

1. 2/23 is the 100th day of school. Events are planned
2. It's been a fun 5 months of school
3. The next 5 months focus will be on instruction and what's going on in classrooms
4. Planning a 4th grade trip to Philadelphia
5. In the next week you will get a letter about PARCC testing. State just released performance report. State wants 95% participation. We did not meet the participation rate. For me it's a gauge to see what we can be doing better. It's important they all take it. They can withhold funding if participation rates are not met to the tune of \$11 million. Don't panic over the test. Students won't be tested all day. It will be 1 hour or 1 ½ hour or so. Testing every day is not productive. It will be Monday and Wednesday for example. It's not going anywhere- no matter how many kids opt out. Just go in, try your best and move on. I cannot emphasize enough- do not stress about it. My goal is for less than 35% to not take it. The scores themselves truthfully do not count in the interest of full disclosure. Testing starts April 4th. The window I worked out is April 4-April 20. If after the first day they try it you can always opt out then.

6. This year the district is using I-Ready. An average lesson is 12-22 minutes. It also links to books that are reading level appropriate.

Treasure's Report

1. Balance forward: \$26,479.39
2. Deposits \$872.88
3. Disbursements: \$4,175.07
4. Balance as of today: \$23,177.20

President's Report

1. Thank you for help with Ladies Choice Dance
2. Pre-K – Grade 2 Gym Night went well
3. This Friday 2/5 is Grade 3&4 Gym Night
4. Gertrude Hawk chocolate is due 2/12
5. Mother/son dance with DJ James is 2/19; help is needed
6. Career day has been rescheduled for Fri 2/19; if interested please call or email Ms. Strumpf at 908-851-6390 or SSTRUMPF@TWPUNIONSCHOOLS.ORG
7. Please send in box tops
8. Need to postpone Multicultural Night
9. BH Talent show on 4/15 is to be rescheduled
10. Reading Night to be rescheduled (due to snow)
11. Join our fb page BHPTA 07083
12. Need volunteers for: Career Day 2/19, Book Fair 4/20-4/22, School Fair 5/13 (rain date 5/20), 4th grade celebration 6/22
13. A motion was made to purchase lunch for the 4th grade trip costing approximately \$500. Motion made by Alla and Seconded by Maureen

Teacher Liasion Report

1. Student Council events:

- a. Candy grams \$1/ each with a lollipop
- b. Souperbowl by 2/5 to benefit St. Michael's food pantry
- c. Heart wars for \$1 send in an envelope with name and teacher
- d. 2/12 is a 1pm dismissal and lunch WILL be served; AM PK attends
- e. Wear red on 2/12
- f. 2/11 and 2/12 will be Valentine's Day parties
- g. 2/12 at 2pm is 3rd grade instrumental concert
- h. 2/15 school is closed
- i. 2/19 wear plaid
- j. 2/26 school spirit day
- k. Over 800 cans were donated to St. Michael's

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Correspondence

None

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