

PTO Executive Board Meeting
Friday, October 20, 2017
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Presidents' Report (Debra Stephans: MES and Melanie Paxinopoulos: FMS)

- Minutes from the September 2017 meeting accepted.
- Fieldstone Friday will take place on 10/20 for 7th grade with DJ and volunteers.
- Fundraisers include FMS Book Fair, Square 1 Art Sale (your child's custom catalog featuring their artwork will be coming home soon), Yankee Candle Sale, Carousel Pies & Cakes Sale and Holiday Boutique.
- KidStuff books raised about \$3,000, and Joann Catalfumo is looking for a new chairperson to shadow her next year.
- New York Jets Vs Kansas City Chiefs Montvale PTO Day will take place on 12/3 at 1:00pm at MetLife Stadium in Rutherford, NJ. Tickets will cost \$35 per person (portion of proceeds donated to the PTO) and will include a free Jets Winter Hat and an opportunity to go out on the field. Discounted parking will be available for \$25.
- Tammy King will handle pictures for the Memorial School Yearbook, and students will design the front and back covers. More information will be available in a flyer after the Fieldstone Book Fair.
- Carolyn and Chris Roche are looking for new Assistant Chairperson to shadow them at the Ice Cream Social.
- New Committee Chairpersons are still needed for a possible joint MEF/PTO Vendor Social Event with parent entrepreneurs for a shopping night at a local venue.

VP Report on Class Parents (Cindy Merlino: MES and Tara Hill: FMS)

- MES: Thank you to the class parents for all your hard work in collecting class money and class directory contact information. Please keep trying to gather everything.
 - Go ahead and publish your class directory lists to parents.
 - Halloween celebrations will not include food and a maximum of 2 parents will be present in each classroom.
- FMS: Thank you to all class parents and class coordinators for making the Halloween festivities happen in the cafeteria during lunch with apple cider, donuts and water (Wegmans donated water bottles).
 - FMS Book Fair took place in the middle of October.

Treasurer's Report (Annette Vozzolo)

- Back to School Night Bake Sales made a collective \$2,727.50, which was a \$1,000 increase from last year.
- Ice Cream Social raised \$1,520, which was a \$300 increase over last year.
- PTO Membership dues raised \$4,500 @ \$15 per member.

- Memorial curriculum enhancements include Sounds Like Fun in science, and the PTO cut a check in the amount of \$1,500 for Dr. Michael Fowlin to talk to our seventh and eighth graders about the repercussions of bullying behavior.

Corresponding Secretary (Mrs. Burkel)

- We had a great Ice Cream Social, and Mrs. D'Amaro & Mrs. Burkel are here to help the Montvale PTO.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Darren Petersen

- Thank you to PTO for all of its fundraisers, Back to School Night was well attended, and Special Services Meeting took place on 10/5.
- Department of Education engages students in thoughtful learning by using the following gaming principles: 1) everyone is a participant, 2) it feels like play, 3) allow for safe failure, since learners can simply try again, 4) everything is interconnected, and 5) challenge is constant.
- Teachers attended 5-6 workshops from yoga art, STEM centers, social media, and math on Professional Development Day on 10/9. Thank you to Mr. Parks for organizing it.
- For the teacher raffle, Dr. Petersen presented a "hamburger" lesson for kindergarten language arts and will prepare another language arts lesson in seventh grade.
- Pipe burst at Memorial School started on Sunday, 10/15.

Principal of MES, Mr. Collier

- Pipe burst happened from a ruptured gasket and an inch of water covered the floors in the first and second grade classrooms. Expressive Arts gave their classrooms to first grade, and the Child Study Team and second grade moved to the gym. Teachers lost bookcases. Contractors sterilized and sealed the classrooms, removed base molding, tested the environment and will return on 10/25 to give a status update.
- Montvale Police Department will talk about Halloween Safety to students on 10/27 and 10/30. Memorial School Halloween Parade will take place on 10/31 at 2:15pm. It will start at the Community Entrance and end at the Kindergarten Annex. Kindergarten students will wear their costumes to school, and children in grades 1-4 will change into their costumes.

Assistant Principal of MES, Mr. Pellegrino

- Thank you to Mr. Collier and staff for relocation efforts after pipe burst.
- Character Education Program consists of 15-20 teachers, and each month has a specific theme. September is Communication and Citizenship, October is Month of Respect, November is Empathy, December is Honesty, January is Tolerance, February is Kindness, March is Effort, April is Teamwork, May is Responsibility, and June is Perseverance.
- The new mascot at Memorial School is the Eagle and will work with student council and PTO to spread the message.

Principal of FMS, Ms. McCormack

- Teachers worked in content teams to increase student achievement at PD Day on 10/9.
- Fire Department presented fire safety to fifth and sixth graders during the week of 10/9.
- Thank you to all Fieldstone Book Fair volunteers.
- October was a busy month and tied in themes with the Character Education Team. Character Ambassadors in seventh and eighth grade helped a lot during Red Ribbon Week and Month of Respect.
- Seventh and eighth graders will learn about Dr. Fowlin's Empowerment and Anti-Bullying Message on 10/27.
- Students will celebrate Halloween wearing their costumes.
- There will be an assembly in later November for seventh graders, and eighth grade supervisors will have a First Choices assembly on 11/1.
- The Screenagers movie will take place at Pascack Hills High School on 12/7.

Assistant Principal of FMS, Mr. Scherer

- Girls volleyball won 5 games in a row.
- Girls soccer had a 3-3 tie, boys soccer experienced their first loss on 10/19, and playoffs will start soon.
- Curriculum enhancements include robotics with 30 students, healthy harvesters, choir and band, homework help and many clubs at FMS.

MEF, Judith Laquidara (Treasurer)

- There are 25 tickets left for Casino Night and hoping to sell out.
- Will accept donations from businesses.
- Next MEF meeting will take place on 11/30 at 7:00pm at the Fieldstone library.

Meeting adjourned.