



MONTVALE PTO MEETING MINUTES

Date	Wednesday, September 29, 2021	
Location	Virtual Meeting - Zoom	
Board Members	Presidents	Samantha D’Auria Maura Connors
	Vice Presidents	Christine Angrisani Tania Pinto
	Treasurer	Colleen Schumacher
	Secretary	Kristen Barnes
Administration	Superintendent of Schools	Dr. Petersen
	Director of Curriculum & Instruction	Mr. Collier
	Memorial School	Dr. Parks Mr. Pellegrino
	Fieldstone Middle School	Mrs. McCormack Mr. Scherer
Corresponding Secretary	Teacher	Ms. Gutierrez

	TOPIC
1.	<p>Presidents Report was presented by Samantha D’Auria and Maura Connors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Swear in new officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Co-president - Maura Connors ○ Co-vice president – Christine Angrisani ○ Secretary – Kristen Barnes ● Completed Fundraisers and Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parking Spot Auction ○ Pizza Night Ridgemont ○ Toolkits ○ Box Tops ○ Yearbooks ○ SquareOne Art ● Current / Ongoing Fundraisers & Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Box Tops - email PTO with any questions about Box Top app ○ Membership ○ Hot food – pizza Monday and bagel/sandwich Friday

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Charleston Wrap – holiday shopping (replaced Yankee Candle fundraiser) ○ PTO donation button ● Future Fundraisers and events (2021-2022 School Year) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ice Cream Social – October 1 ○ Bookfair (FMS) - TBD ○ SquareOne Art ○ Holiday Boutique - TBD ○ Basket Raffle – December 3 at community center ● October 27 next PTO meeting ● Thank you to Jessica Gray, Daniella Aiello and Alexandra Fischer
2.	<p>VP Report presented by Tania Pinto and Christine Angrisani:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Class parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still could use some volunteers ○ Online class directory – an email with link to a Google Form was sent out, will close Sunday night ○ After the link closes, parents will need to fill out a hard copy of the form which class parents will assist with ○ Class parents will help collect class funds and attend PTO meetings to report information back to the classes ○ FMS has class coordinators as well
3.	<p>Treasurer’s Report presented by Colleen Schumacher:</p> <p>Treasurer update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AJ’s bagels - \$250 ● Ridgemont - \$250 ● Box Tops - \$830 ● Toolkits - \$1041 ● Yearbook - \$1147 ● Parking Spot - \$600 ● Dining Night - \$300
4.	<p>Corresponding Secretary’s Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thank you for the teacher breakfast ● Teacher volunteers coming to the Ice Cream Social
5.	<p>The Administrators provided the following updates:</p> <p>Dr. Parks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upgrades to school – new signs, new paint, wanted to create bright environment ● Trying to make the year as normal as possible ● New lunch schedule – alternating between lunch in classrooms and multi purpose room ● Ice cream trucks will be at the Ice Cream Social on Friday ● Thank you for all the donated cereal boxes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Park Ridge food pantry fundraiser



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- This Friday will be celebration and cereal boxes will be set up like dominoes
- Start Strong testing starts October 6th for grade 4
 - State testing since testing in spring was postponed
 - Testing in math and language arts
- October 11th PD day for MES – focus will be on math resources and instructional support
- Halloween celebrations – parade, police to come and talk about safety and best practices
- Lunch with principal – starting in October, Dr. Parks to visit homerooms and talk to students about what they like about Memorial, want to see at Memorial and share experiences together

Mr. Pellegrino

- Character Education – partner with NY Jets
 - Upstander of the month
 - Teachers looking for acts of courage, compassion, leadership, someone who stands up for someone who needs it
 - Teachers will fill out form and each month student is chosen at random
 - Student will win 2 tickets to a Jets game (in season) or a school prize
 - Follow [@realmemorialmac](#) on twitter
- Clubs are coming back – band, chorus, 4th grade safety, intramurals
 - Visit page on website to see more clubs
<https://mes.montvalek8.org/parent-resources/co-curricular-activities>

Mrs. McCormack

- Back to School Night was well attended
- First author visit Stuart Gibbs
 - Shared his experiences as an author and answered questions from students
- Staff is reading Generation Z Unfiltered: Facing Nine Hidden Challenges of the Most Anxious Population to work into advisory, book discusses challenges and solutions
- Week of Respect starts Monday – wear blue
- Grades 5-8 will take the Start Strong test
 - Math and language arts and 6th will also take Science

Mr. Scherer

- Sports and clubs are up and running
 - Yearbook and Battle of the Books

Dr. Petersen

Referendum presentation

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