

PTO Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2019
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Presidents' Report (Judith Thomas and Melanie Paxinopoulos)

- Still need a Pizza Chairperson. Pizza will come from Franco's.
- Would like two 4th grade parents to work as Co-Chairs to coordinate the yearbook at Memorial School. An email blast was sent to all 3rd grade parents. Current Yearbook Chairperson Annette Vozzolo organized a photography committee per grade level. Co-Chairs will have use of the PTO computer.
- PTO Nomination Chairperson Debra Stephans proposed the official slate for all nominees: (Co) President - Jess Gray, VP Fieldstone - Alexandra Fischer, and Secretary - Daniela Aiello. The Nominating Committee of five – Debra Stephans (Nomination Chairperson), Jessica Panagiotou (current Executive Board member), Kristen Zoelle (current Executive Board member), Gia Romano (PTO member), and Ms. Burkel (faculty member) agreed with the Nominees for Open Officer Positions. These new candidates were just nominated and approved for their respective positions at today's public PTO meeting, which took place at Memorial School at 9:00 AM. Officers will be installed at the last meeting of the school year on 6/14.

VP Reports (Tara Hill and Kristen Zoelle)

- World Café for 5th grade will take place on 4/17 where students will experience Spanish and French cuisine. Please refer to SignUp Genius to donate food items for this event.
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon for Fieldstone will be on Tuesday, 5/7.
- Need to confirm dates for the Fieldstone Book Fair in early June, and Ruby Upali Biswal and Ashley Gibson confirmed their roles as new Co-Chairs. Former Co-Chair Kelly Mashini will assist them.
- Fieldstone 3 R's Day will take place on 5/17 and still need volunteers for transportation.
- 4th grade parents can purchase their child's 4th grade Tiles with Smiles art by 3/26, and their orders will arrive by 4/12.
- Memorial School Art Show will happen on 4/11 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- PTO members can purchase toolkits starting next week through mid April via the SchoolKidz website and will be available for pick-up in June.
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at Memorial is on 5/6.
- Summer Book Fair at Memorial will take place from 5/13 to 5/17 (Buy One Get One free sale). Nicole Petrillo and Lisa Negrotti will Co-Chair the event together.

Treasurer's Report (Jessica Panagiotou)

- Trivia Night had a profit of \$6,000, Winter Carnival made \$1,980, and Fieldstone Fridays raised \$1,000.
- Montvale PTO donated \$7,500 to 3 R's Day and paid for curriculum enhancements such as The Brain Show Assembly at Memorial, Music Workshop at Fieldstone, and Wetlands Institute at Fieldstone.

Secretary's Report (Teresa Barry)

- The Executive Board members are currently amending the PTO By-laws and will post them on the PTO website two weeks before the meeting on 6/14.

Corresponding Secretary (Ms. Burkel)

- Enjoyed watching all the Kindergarten science experiments. Thank you to the PTO for your continued support.

Vice Principal of Memorial, Mr. Pellegrino

- Character Education had a grant approved to purchase and install circular benches at the playground to encourage STEM building resources; graphic novels for young readers will be available to read outside, and students can interact with peers when the weather is warmer. Students design Memorial School's mascots (M.A.C. the Eagle and Chippy the Community Chipmunk). Working on curriculum writing at the present time.
- Montvale Summer Institute (MSI) for Grades 1-4 will take place one hour before Montvale Recreation Camp at Memorial Elementary School and will meet from 7/1 to 7/26 (no classes on 7/4 & 7/5). Grades 5-8 will meet for one week of boot camp at Fieldstone Middle School from 7/29 – 8/2. Each day consists of one hour of Language Arts and one hour of Mathematics from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
- The new Kindergarten Camp called ABC/123's will be three weeks long and meet from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This program will run from 7/8 to 7/26.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Darren Petersen

- Fieldstone Athletics – Physical forms are due to the school nurse on 3/25. Spring tryouts for baseball will take place on 3/26-3/28.
- Fieldstone Middle School's musical "Mary Poppins" will open on Friday, 5/17 at 7:00 PM and a matinee performance will be on Saturday, 5/18 at 2:00 PM. Tickets will be sold at the door.
- NJSLA testing will take place the week of 5/6 – 5/10. Grades 5-8 will take the science portion on 5/29 and 5/30.
- 3 R's Day will take place on 5/17, and it is a great experience for the students.
- 7th grade students participated in Shark Tank on 3/15, and they had to present Industrial Revolution inventions to a teacher panel. Three finalists presented their ideas, and sharks chose a winner. It was a powerful moment, and the winning team will present in April at the Board of Education meeting.
- Unity in the Valley hosted its first kick-off event on 3/19 at the Pascack Valley auditorium. New N.J. Attorney General Gurbir Grewal shared his experience with

discrimination. The event included community members and musical performances from PVRHSD students.

- Fieldstone graffiti incident – Mrs. McCormack and Mr. Scherer addressed the middle school students and turned a negative message into a positive, reflective experience for grades 5-8.

Principal of Memorial, Mr. Collier

- Over spring break air conditioning units will be installed for grades 1 & 2 and then Memorial School will be 100% air-conditioned. Electric work will be done in the summer, and a new electrical panel will be up and running by September.
- Memorial is putting safety first. The main entrance will change by creating a person trap with 3 new doors (one singleton door with metal and bullet proof glass and there will be a double buzz system). There will be a teller type window, and you can slip paper through the window. Double doors will be for fire egress and bus students.
- Report cards will be available on 3/22 for grades 1-4 and grades 5-8 will be available after 5:00 PM on Real Time.
- “Celebrate America” choir concerts will happen for 1st grade in the morning and 2nd grade in the afternoon.
- Professional Development Day will be on 3/25 at Memorial when staff will learn about social and emotional learning, and teachers will submit proposals regarding curriculum.
- Grandparent’s Day will take place on 3/29.
- The Brain Show Assembly will happen on 4/2, and it will be teacher versus teacher.
- Kindergarten Parent Orientation will occur on 4/3, and so far 74 students are registered.
- Memorial School Night of the Arts will take place on 4/11.
- 4th grade Cake Day will happen on 4/18.
- NJSLA (Student Learning Assessment) at Memorial School will take place from 4/30 to 5/3.
- 1st grade Mother’s Day Tea will be one day in early May.
- Field Day will be early this year on 5/23 to avoid extreme heat, and the PTO will have ice pops available for the students.

Montvale Educational Foundation (MEF), Judith Laquidara, Treasurer

- MEF approved \$10,000 in grants last week for the Ruth Levy Scholarship, Lego Robotics for 5th grade Industrial Arts Cycle, and Model UN Grant.
- MEF has also increased their membership from 4 to 10 Trustees.
- New Spirit Wear sale is going on and the online store will close at midnight on 4/27 and distribution will take place on 5/6.
- MEF has secured a new Chairperson for Casino Night 2019

Meeting Adjourned.