

Spring Glen PTA®

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Spring Glen PTA Meeting Thursday, May 8, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM

Minutes

Board members present: Avi Kamrat, Amanda Levitt, Charlton Daye, Chaundra Vasseur, Lancia Blatchley

Board of Ed present: Chris Daur

PTA members present: see attached sheet

New Business

1. E-Board Recommended Budget for 2014-2015. Voting on budget will take place in June. Cabaret will likely not happen next year, possibly every two years. Mrs. Bertolone-Templeton will not be running a PTA sports event next year. Board of Ed fund income will be less for afterschool conference camp which may not run as no one has come forth to lead it. Stop and Shop funds to go to PTA next year rather than principal's discretion. Plan is to request Board of Ed to pay for supplies instead. School play had lower profit than anticipated.
2. Teacher Appreciation Week. 55 staff members participated in massages this week, which were well-received. PTA breakfast went well today also.
3. BOE Budget Update. \$86 million overall budget. Reduction in funds are being offset by \$300,000 in capital dollars. Teacher's access will improve as they will be getting fob cards for entrance to building, feasibility study for improvements at several elementary schools in north end of Hamden. Food services contract is up for renewal. Amanda offered helping with commitment to quality. New Superintendent has been hired: Jody Goeler from District 12. Alliance Grant was money set aside for 5 years to create programs (pre-K, afterschool programs) to close achievement gap which is one of the largest in the state. Mayor and council have used that money to subsidize the budget. Chris asked how SBAC has been going. Feedback was it seems time consuming and involves much staff. Avi asked to Chris to bring information next meeting to see where Alliance money has gone.
4. Nature's Playground money has not been used so motion to move funds to replacing trees in Kindergarten playground. Volunteer from Yale Marsh Botanical Gardens will meet soon with parents for planting and grounds maintenance.
5. Fruit Whirled. Bicycle-propelled juice smoothies and science program available for Field Day activity.
6. Hamden Road Race and Fun Run. June 7th. PTA paid for some last year, \$1600 left to sponsor children this year and subsidized rate for parents.

Action Items

7. Approve April Minutes. Chaundra motioned to approve. Charlton seconded. Majority approved, two abstentions.

8. **Officer Elections. Still no new treasurer or recording secretary.**

Nominations for Recording Secretary: Lancia Blatchley

Chaundra nominated, Charlton seconded

Treasurers: Charlton Daye, Katie Connors

Eve nominated, Amanda seconded

President Elect: Judy Goldberg

Vice President for Enrichment: Evelyn Neuber

Vice President for Fundraising: Eve Sansone

Vice President for Communications: Chaundra

Vasseur

Vice President for Membership: Daniela Blum

Corresponding Secretary: Allison Rosenberg

Full slate approved.

9. Move funds to replacing trees in Kindergarten playground. Avi motioned and Charlton seconded. Unanimously approved.

10. Move funds from last year's Fun Run to pay for this year's runners at the Fun Run/5K. Avi motioned and Amanda seconded. Debate about whether funds should go towards parents running. Avi changed his motion to pay for children but not adults and pay for t-shirts for children and adults. Chaundra seconded revised motion. Majority approved, one abstention and one objection.

Committee Reports

11. Board of Education Report. See above.

12. Principal's Report. See attached.

13. Treasurer's Report. See attached. \$7,192 income from Springtime in the Glen and \$1947 income from the play.

14. 6th Grade.

15. Enrichment. Les Julian and Hartford Symphony both came this year. Suggestion for training another teacher for Star Lab. Some feedback about school-wide movie and parent participation. Plant sales to be distributed this week. Afterschool progressing well. Brass band program was extended for 8 weeks. Halina has not been able to find a Spanish teacher to run one so far. Yale program was positive but long and impeded afterschool classes.

16. Fundraising. No report.

17. Membership and Directory. No report.

18. Spring Glen Civic Association meeting on May 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.