

Wisdom Lane PTA Meeting 11/20/23

Call to Order: Kathleen welcomes everyone to the meeting and calls meeting to order at 7:02pm

Approval of Minutes: Janette asks if everyone has had a chance to look over the minutes from our last meeting. She asks for a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Going and Lauren Sica approve the minutes. They will be filed as written.

Principals Report: Mr. Avena welcomes everyone to the meeting, he states that the first quarter has ended and that report cards will be out by tomorrow 11/21/23. You can see reports on powerschool. The second quarter began on 11/13/23. All communications are going through Parent Square, if you have not signed up for Parent Square please do so. This is where all the important information, emails, and communications will come from. We had our parent meeting regarding our 7th and 8th grade overnight trips to Boston and Philadelphia on 11/16/23. There was a very good turn out. The deadline to sign up for these trips is 12/8/23. There are only 175 reserved spots for these trips so please sign up early. The cost for these trips are \$485, and they can either be paid in full or in 3 installment payments. Mr. Avelo-Shaw and myself, as well as Mrs. Fitzpatrick goes on these trips along with faculty chaperones. Please be sure to have your children check the lost and found for any missing items. We hold them for about 30 days then they will be out into storage until the end of the year. We usually have about 10-15 bags that we donate to various charities over the summer from our unclaimed lost and found items. We had our school culture and climate meeting, our focus is to continue to be welcoming, kind and belonging. We have had our welcome breakfast for any new students that have entered our building, and that was also attended with our new student ambassadors. The ambassadors were picked in the spring, and these students are from all walks of life. They will be paired with the new students, and will be involved with all different kinds of fun activities throughout the year. Thank you to Mrs. Dillon and Mrs. Mastronardi taking on the committee.

Aliana: We had a special presentation from our psychology intern on the importance of organization.

1st VP: Lauren Sica

no report

Spirit Wear- possible sale in February. Fall sale we made \$388

Reflections- Submissions due by 11/21

Delegates- next council meeting isn't until 1/9, Cheryl Denecke is our Wisdom rep for that meeting

Honorary Life-

Honorary Life will be on May 2 @ The Coral House- Nomination letters went out via ParentSquare on Nov 14. Deadline to submit is Dec 4th. You MUST be a paid PTA member to nominate. Nominations can be sent into school in a sealed envelope marked PTA Honorary Life Nomination or emailed to wmspta206@gmail.com, with the subject line of Honorary Life. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Treasurer's Report: Anthony LoPinto

Opening Checkbook Balance \$26,030.91

Expenses:

NYS PTA Dues 738.00

Cultural Arts 345.00

Supplies 104.04

Hospitality Expenses 60.41

Agenda Books 960.00

Council Dues 150.00

Total Expenses \$2,357.45

Income:

Membership 130.00

Bank Interest 4.32

Ice Cream Truck 70.00

School Kits 137.24

School Pictures 4,054.95

Total Income \$4,396.51

Closing Checkbook Balance \$28,069.97

Checkbook balance as of Oct 31, 2023 \$28,069.97

Bank balance as of Oct 31, 2023 \$29,329.97

\$1,260.00

Checks Outstanding: Total: \$1,260.00

226 \$50.00

230 \$50.00

231 \$50.00

243 \$960.00

244 \$150.00

Department of Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Electronic Notice (e-Postcard)

For Tax Exempt Organizations not Required to File Form 990 or 990 EZ

OMB No. 1545-NNNN

2022

Open To Public Inspection

A For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01/2022 , and ending 06/30/2023

B Check if applicable

Termination

Gross Receipts are \$50,000 or less

E Website Address

C Name of Organization

PTA NEW YORK CONGRESS

D Employer ID number

11-3075598

Number and Street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

120 CENTER LN

City or town, state or country, and Zip + 4

LEVITTOWN, NY 11756-1062

F Name of Principal Officer

Anthony LoPinto

Number of street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) of Principal Officer

3130 Dorset Lane

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

LEVITTOWN, NY 11756

Form

Corresponding Secretary: Jeanine Quigley: we sent out a condolence card

4th VP: Ms. Going

- 8th grade trip to Philly~
 - Must register online with CTA before 12/8
 - Cost \$485

Any questions email Ms. Baker

7th grade trip to Boston~

- Must register online with CTA before 12/8
- Cost \$485

Any questions email Mrs. Belz

Both Ms. Baker and Mrs. Belz sent all trip information out via Parent Square, Make sure you are signed up for Parent Square:)

- 6th graders are going to see Mary Poppins on December 6th @ the Argyle Theatre
Any questions email Mrs. Carrillo

- All club and activity photos for the yearbook will be taken during the school day on Wednesday, November 22.

- Music Department Concerts are coming ~
 - Band December 13 @ 7pm
 - Orchestra December 18 @ 7pm
 - Chorus January 23 @ 7pm

- Builders Club is doing a coat drive through December 10th box in main lobby of Wisdom
Any questions email Mrs. Mastronardi or Ms. Medina

- Skate night sponsored by GO with Mrs. Carella and Mrs Halvorsen is December 20th, 6:45 @ United Skates in Seaford. Admission with skate rental \$10, no

- Garden Club Poinsettia Sale - December 7th & 8th. Students will be able to shop during their lunch periods.
 - 4 1/2 inch \$7
 - red,
 - white
 - blue
 - 6 1/2 inch \$11.00 each-
 - red,
 - white
 - Marble (pink and white),
 - Jingle Bells(red with white specks)
 - 6 1/2 blue \$15.00

- 7th grade Spanish trip to Huntington Cinema Arts to watch "Vivo," lunch to follow at Pancho Villa. Trip is Friday, December 8th.

Tentative Blood Drive date May 1st.

Wisdom Lane is proud to announce the following students have been selected to represent our school at the 2024 All-County Music Festival.

Band students are Emily Angerhuaser, Emmah Khan, David Yoo, and Ryan Berk

Chorus students are Julia Caleron-Flores and Allie Quigley

Orchestra students are

Jimmy Lin and

Joyce Kim.

Mrs. Caroline Spainer, Ms. Lori Katcher, and Mr. Anthony Cornella are looking forward to working with these talented students in preparation for their upcoming performance in January.

Delegate Report:

Rona Duarte attended

Levittown Council of PTA's Meeting 11/14/23

Superintendent Report

Jacqueline Testamark won the Rhodes Scholarship Award. A 2020 graduate of Division High School, she was among 32 American recipients of this prestigious award.

Regents update – the Regents exams are not being eliminated. However, there will be flexibility in requirements for graduation. This will take several years to implement and will not affect those currently in high school.

Weather related closures – an update was sent out through Parent Square on 11/14 with a reminder of the weather closure procedure in preparation for the upcoming winter season.

Security – our security partner, the Altaris Group, helped implement a new protocol in September. All staff members are required to wear their employee ID badges around their neck on a branded Levittown Schools lanyard. This allows for easy identification at a quick glance to make sure that anyone inside the building belongs. This will be rolled out to all high school students in January and into the middle schools most likely by next year.

BOE meeting will be 11/29 along with Fall sports awards and district results from last year. This meeting will be available both in person or remote.

SEPTA

Important dates to remember:

o Spirit Wear was due 11/15

o Family Fun night 11/20 @ Wisdom – sold out event

o Candle fundraiser due 12/1

300+ membership this year – highest membership in the district

Transportation

Any accident notifications will be sent through Parent Square

Late buses back as of 11/20 – notification sent out on Parent Square 11/17 with drop off points
Special Committees / Liaison Reports

Senior Award Dinner Dance will be on May 2 nd at the Coral House

Reflections – Theme of this year is “I am hopeful because”; deadline for submissions is 12/6

Food Service

- o Menu changes – it was suggested that any changes to the menu be announced with morning announcements at the school level.

- o Halal / religious requests should go thru the nurses’ office

- o Concerns should go through the school representative

LUT – Parent Square communications – please note that the staff is still learning how to use the app. If you have reached out to a teacher / staff member and do not receive a response in a in a timely manner please reach out again.

Honorary Life – nominations due 12/4

Nominating:

We are looking for 2 general members to be on our nominating committee to help pick our executive board for our 2024/2025 school year.

Faith and Danielle have volunteered to be on committee

Food Service: Jeanine has made 2 visits over the past couple of weeks and as usual everything has been great, and food was delicious. On her first visit BBQ chicken and biscuit was on the menu, and on the second was Buffalo chicken dip. The students were a bit nervous on buffalo chicken dip as that was a new menu item, however it was a hit and food was delicious. There have been some complaints on the pizza, but the times I have tried it it has been good.

Students have asked that the food choices, and substitutions be announced in the mornings so they know what the choices are for the day. Mr. Fabiano has informed the reps at the meeting that Abbey Lane will be receiving free breakfast and lunch everyday based on their free lunch program questionnaires.

Septa:

Septa is currently having a Kris Kringle Candle Fundraiser happening, candles can be purchased online and will be shipped directly to customers homes. Their next fundraiser will be Candy cane grams starting december 1st where you can send a candy can lawn sign with a candy cane and message to friends/families houses. SEPTA honorary life nominations are due November 21st, if you have a nomination please send it in asap.

We will be having a membership raffle on November 30th to win an American Girl Doll.

If you wish to enter the raffle you must become a SEPTA PTA paid member by November 30th. Next meeting is Jan 22nd.

Transportation:

In the future, if the bus is in an accident, the transportation department will contact parents via Parent Square.

The transportation department is hiring full-time drivers. Please get in touch with the Transportation department if you have any questions.

Old Business: No

New Business: Faith and Danielle volunteered for nominating

Adjourned: Kathleen adjourned meeting 7:46pm

Notes: written by Janette Ruddy