

Hopewell PTA Meeting  
Wednesday, March 4, 2020  
Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** – Kristen called the morning meeting to order at 9:33am.  
Lisa called the evening meeting to order at 7:03pm.
- II. **Shout Outs**
  - a. My Heart, My Hero – Jackie Owens
    - i. Photo lines went better this year with having the extra help.
  - b. Flowergrams – April Hausman
    - i. Flowergrams were handed out Thursday, February 13 since students were not in school on February 14.
- III. **Approve February meeting minutes** – tabled for tonight’s meeting.
  - a. In the evening meeting Melissa Moffatt motioned to approve the Minutes from the February meeting prepared by Ashley Simpson, Emily Hamm seconded the motion.
- IV. **Principal’s Report**
  - a. Dr. Seuss Week
    - i. On Monday, Middle School Students came to Hopewell to read to our students.
    - ii. Tuesday was places you’ve been, and students wore shirts from all over the world.
    - iii. Wednesday is Wacky Wednesday.
    - iv. Thursday is wear your PJ’s.
    - v. Friday is wear red, black and white. There will be a closing assembly in the afternoon.
  - b. Family Bingo
    - i. Several teachers have agreed to be volunteers.
    - ii. This is not a drop off event, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
  - c. Next Friday, March 13, 2020 is professional development day. Students do not report for school.
  - d. March 17 is Saint Patrick’s Day, children are encouraged to wear green. There will also be an assembly with a sneak peek of the Southern Lehigh High School Musical, “Newsies”.
  - e. Kindergarten registration will be March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at Hopewell Elementary.
    - i. Register online on the District Website, slsd.org.
    - ii. If you do not have a computer at home, please call the Central Office for assistance
    - iii. Incoming Kindergartner needs to be 5 years of age by Sept 1, 2020.
  - f. PSSA testing at Hopewell will be for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students only.
    - i. The English and Language Arts portion will held on April 21, 22 and 23, 2020.
    - ii. The Math portion will be held on April 28 and 29, 2020.
    - iii. Remind your children that this should not be a stressful event. Remind them to just take your time, read the questions, and to try their best. It’s only an assessment and is not a graded exam.

- g. First day of School for the 2020-2021 School year has not been decided as on now. It will be voted for at the School Board Meeting in March.
  - i. Third graders will have a visit to the JPLIS on May 27, 2020.
- h. The school is in need of parent assistance for the in school Bingo
- i. Glow lunch is scheduled for 3/24
- j. On March 17, 2020 at 10am there will be a sneak peak of the SLHS Musical "Newsies".
- k. Homeroom Parents:
  - i. We cannot mandate that homeroom parents become an active part of the PTA, however it would be very beneficial if they were. The PTA has great communication tools available, plus it would be great to work together for the greater good of the school.
  - ii. It was brought up that other schools have their PTA select homeroom parents.
  - iii. Mrs. Limpar suggested to add a line to reach out from sent out in the beginning of the school year that encourages room parents to join the PTA as well to assist in anyway possible.
- l. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents are invited to the IS PTG meeting next Tuesday, March at 9:15 in the Cafeteria.

#### **V. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Updates to Budget
  - i. Heart social \$930.29
  - ii. Flower gram \$344.63
  - iii. Bingo and Art raffle are coming together nicely
  - iv. Lisa will be working on putting a budget together for next year
  - v. A request was made to Mrs. Limpar, to please ask teachers that if there are any changes in field trips that the PTA is expected to pay for, please give us a heads up so that we aren't blindsided.
  - vi. Susannah Detweiller suggested that PTA could assist in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Valentine's Pretzel Party.

#### **VI. 2020-21 PTA Board Positions – Treasurer**

- a. 4 out of the 5 board positions are stable, however we are looking for a treasurer as Lisa Durkin's sons are heading to the IS next year.

#### **VII. PTA Committee Reports**

- a. Earth Day
  - i. April Hausman and Laura Hayn are co-chairing Earth Day, Monday, April 27 (in between PTA days)
  - ii. April and Laura will reach out to Homeroom parents for assistance.
- b. Family Bingo Night and Art Raffle – Thursday, March 12; doors open at 5:15 p.m.
  - i. Bingo starts promptly at 6
  - ii. 265 pre-sale tickets sold
  - iii. Bingo will be in the gym
  - iv. Food will be in cafeteria
- c. Yearbook Sales – look for flyer later this month
  - i. Aimee Kipila
  - ii. Cover Contest – Elizabeth Wonderler
  - iii. \$25.00

- iv. We need pictures from parents, and teachers
- d. Family Movie Day at Emmaus Theater – Sat. April 4, 12 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- e. Spring Festival – Fri. May 15, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
  - i. Stay tuned – committees are being put together now and we will need assistance
  - ii. Raffle Baskets
    - i. Sign up genius is available on the PTA Facebook page
    - ii. We are also accepting gift cards
    - iii. Kristen was able to secure an American Girl Doll as a raffle item.
- f. Shop with Scrip
  - i. If you're shopping for Spring Clothes or any sports gear or looking for a birthday or graduation gift idea consider purchasing a gift card through shop with Script. The PTA will receive a portion of the gift card.

**VIII. Upcoming Events/Dates**

- a. Dine to Donate at La Borgata, Friday March 20
  - i. Kim DeWire will send a flier home
- b. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8
  - i. Laura Capaldo is in need of assistance in organizing these events

**IX. Tentative Events**

- a. Glow Lunch – Tues. March 24
- b. Special event for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes
  - i. Lisa Durkin has been in touch with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers. Mr. Bonsall replied that the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher will be having a meeting in the near future and will discuss amongst themselves and get back to us.

**X. Q&A**

**XI. Adjourn 10:41**

**Attendance at AM Meeting:**

Susannah Detwiler  
 Barbara Coleman  
 Hope Herschman  
 Laura Capaldo  
 Kim DeWire  
 Lisa Durkin  
 Monica Scheinler  
 Ashley Simpson

**Attendance at PM Meeting:**

Lisa Durkin  
 Melissa Moffatt  
 Nicole Emery  
 Emily Hamm  
 Kim DeWire  
 Jackie Owens