

**Hopewell PTA Meeting
May 7, 2014**

Members Present: Jennifer Philipp, Allison Cawley, Catherine Ziets, Dawn Resch, Alisa Farrell, Janine Vecciarelli, Stephanie Jeitner, Jennifer Meaney, Monica Scheinler, Beth Haussmann, Lori Limpar

I. Call to Order: Jennifer Philipp called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

II. Approval of April 2014 Minutes: Allison Cawley approved, Alisa Farrell seconded, and all were in favor.

III. Report of Officers

A. Treasurer's Report (Allison Cawley)

1. We currently have a cash balance of \$25,813.93.
2. Year to date: "We are doing great".
3. A vote was taken to approve the 2014/2015 budget. Dawn Resch approved, Janine Vecciarelli seconded, and all were in favor

B. President's Report (Jennifer Philipp)

1. Thank you to Alisa and Janelle for doing an amazing job with "Teacher Appreciation Week".
2. Thanks to the PTA and all the volunteers. It's been an amazing year and I appreciate everyone's help.
3. Jen discussed PTA Board member terms. The president and treasurer can only serve for two years. She is looking for someone to shadow her next year to take over for President in 2015-2016.

C. Principal's Report (Lori Limpar)

1. Ms. Limpar highlighted the many activities and events taking place in the month of May. (Announcements below)
2. We are in need of volunteers for the Hopewell Festival. We will try posting a message on the TV's at the Middle School and High School to help find student volunteers.
3. Thanks to Alisa Farrell for all you've done chairing the Teacher Appreciation Committee
4. Thanks to the PTA for purchasing a matching picnic table and two "Buddy Benches" Ms. Limpar explained the idea behind the "Buddy Benches" If a child is ever feeling sad or lonely, he/she may sit on the buddy bench. This will let other students know that child may need a friend or is feeling sad and looking for someone to play with.

IV. Election of Officers for the 2014-2015 School Year

President - Jennifer Philipp

Vice President, Fundraising - Melissa Woodring

Treasurer - Allison Cawley

Recording Secretary - Catherine Ziets

Corresponding Secretary - Dawn Resch

Jennifer asked for a motion to approve. Janine Vecciarelli approved and Alisa Farrell seconded.

V. Beth Haussmann (President of JPLIS PTG)

With such a large student population of 700 at the Intermediate School, Beth encouraged everyone to "get involved through the PTG". The PTG is completely independent; they do not belong to a national organization. She shared the volunteer form with us. Beth said the PTG is a "committee driven

organization". They have chair people in place for next year but are looking for co-chairs (someone to shadow the chairs). Beth said if anyone has any questions, they can email her.

VI. Report of Committees

Stefanie Cecconi (Festival Chair) said we are still looking for volunteers for the Hopewell Festival.

Alisa Farrell (Teacher Appreciation) is moving on and we will need a new person to step up to fill the Teacher Appreciation Chair. Alisa said there are currently 37 members on the committee.

VII. Old Business

Jen discussed committee chairs creating a "starter packet" to pass on the new person stepping up. The packet would contain contact people and phone numbers which would be helpful.

VIII. New Business: None

IX. Announcements:

May 7: PTA Meeting 9:30 a.m.

May 7: Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

May 7: String instrumental demos for Gr. 2 students

May 13: Third Grade Field Trip to Burnside Plantation (Hudson and Terlingo)

May 15: Third Grade Trip to Burnside Plantation (Pompella)

May 16: Spirit Day: Twins Day (dress like a friend)

May 21: Hopewell Play Day and Volunteer Lunch

May 22: Hopewell Play Day rain date

May 23: Act 80 In-service: 12:50 dismissal (PM Kindergarten attends in the morning/eats lunch at school).
No AM Kindergarten

May 23: Spirit Day: Red, White, and Blue Day

May 26: Memorial Day Holiday: No School

May 29: Kindergarten Field Trip to Flint Hill Farm

May 29: Gr. 2 Field Trip to Lehigh Valley Zoo

May 30: Hopewell Festival 5:30-8:30PM

June 4: Kindergarten Graduation and Sing-along 10 a.m. and 2:40 p.m.

June 5: End of the year string concert at 7 p.m.

June 6: Spirit Day Beach Read: Wear beach attire (no swimsuits please)

June 10: Last day of school for A.M. kindergarten

June 11: Last day of school for students (12:15 dismissal for all students, PM kindergarten attends, no lunches served at school on the last day)

X. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.