

Sicomac PTO
Meeting Minutes | October 16, 2024

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 9:15am held in the Sicomac Multi-Purpose Room
Meeting called to order by Secretary Danielle Brick

Flag salute

Attendance:

PTO Executive Board Members Present: President Courtney Carrelha, Vice President Lauren Westmark-Gonzalez, Fundraising Co-Chairs Alex Bottino & Allison Vartabedian, Secretary Danielle Brick, Treasurer Karen Sagot, Volunteer Co-Coordinators Lindsay Calhoun & Nicole Morin, Sicomac Principal Mr. Raimo, Staff Liaison Mrs. Mazie, parents and guardians of Sicomac students.

There were approximately 20 people in attendance.

Today's meeting minutes will be posted on the PTO website

Thank you to our special food committee for organizing the treats for today's meeting and all upcoming special lunches and events.

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Karen Sagot

- Reviewed current budget (attached)
- September through October are big fundraising months
- *Courtney Carrelha:* A lot of our fundraisers still cost money; although we make funds we still have to pay for items such as pizza, bagels, etc.

Classroom Visits: Organized by Mrs. Mazie

- 3F - Descriptive words
- 2D - Math strategies
- 1M - Math strategies

Principal's Report: Mr. Raimo

- What did we notice in the classroom visits: teamwork, collaboration, partnerships, groups, routines, expectations
- Sicomac is off to a solid start and feels the most normal it has felt in years, since prior to the pandemic
- iReady assessments are a new tool at Sicomac which assess what students know
 - Takes pace 3x a year to get a read on every child — their strengths and areas where they need growth — and the results inform our instruction
 - Reports will be going home

- 5th graders will learn how to become involved in student council and they will have an election for new officers; we also include grades 3 and 4 after 5th grade elections
- We have hired a new recess aide
- Interviews are starting next week for Mrs. Dexter's replacement
 - We are going to create a memorial for her on campus as a lasting memory

President's Report: Courtney Carrelha

- On the PTO website is a code of conduct which details the expectations of parents across the Wyckoff district in terms of appropriate behavior at school functions
- Please fill out the district parent survey that was sent out; it is crucial to share your voice
- There will be a parent instructional meeting for iReady in January on Zoom (which will be recorded) for us to better understand this tool

Fundraising Chair's Report: Alex Bottino & Allison Vartabedian

- Thank you for purchasing spirit wear; we will reopen the store for a one week window this coming Sunday
- Thank you to our book fair chairpeople Michelle Joffe, Maggie Zozzaro and Caitlin Ohle on a great event!
- Harvest Fest is this Friday - we need more volunteers especially for clean up; bring cash for the ice cream truck and for bidding on pumpkins
 - Pumpkin auction drop-off will be Thursday in the main vestibule
- Military Bridge is Nov. 14 - you do not have to know how to play to participate; please register as this is a big fundraiser for Sicomac
- Wizards Game is Nov. 17 - sold out event! You can put your name on the waitlist for tickets; sponsorships still welcome, please contact Allison or Alex by early next week
- Thank you to those who came to the pickle ball event; t-shirts will be distributed soon

Volunteer Co-Coordinator's Report: Lindsay Calhoun & Nicole Morin

- Please volunteer, shop or donate at the Economy Shop
- Dec. 14 there will be a Santa event with a train
- We still need 2 co presidents
- Please vote for us for the Best of Bergen Shops!

Additional Items: Courtney Carrelha

- One School One Book update: Mrs. Stern will run a book club to put all the handwork of Amy Leavy and Karen Woessner to good use; we are now in the process of selecting a new book and the program will take place in January
- Sicomac Strut: Co-chairs Amy Leavy and Karen Woessner are working with the Phys. Ed teachers on a fun fitness themed event that will take place during the school day
- Please participate in the WEF Pampered Chef fundraiser; the school that brings in the most money gets funds for the art teacher
- Nov. 11 WEF is teaming up with SuperDome from 9-3 for a drop off event; lunch included

Reminders and Announcements

Oct. 18: Harvest Festival
Oct. 21: School picture day
Oct. 22: Health Barn assembly
Oct. 31: Halloween Parade
Nov. 7-11: School closed
Nov. 14: Sicomac Strut
Nov. 14: Military Bridge
Nov. 15: Staff Sweets sponsored by 3rd grade
Nov. 17: Harlem Wizards game at Ramapo
Nov 18: Minimum day
Nov. 19: Delayed opening
Nov. 27: Minimum day
Nov. 28-29: School closed - Happy Thanksgiving!
Dec 13: Sicomac Family Movie Night
Dec 14: Santa event at the Economy Shop

Next Meeting: December 11, 2024 at 7:30pm VIRTUAL

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes compiled by Danielle Brick, Secretary

Sicomac School PTO - September Treasurer's Report
Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Checking Account	
Register Balance as of 09/01/2024	31,115.63
Cash Receipts:	
Bagel Lunch	11,205.25
Directory Ads	8,620.00
Donation	1,000.00
Harvest Festival - Pumpkin Sale	560.00
Jersey Mike's Lunch	20,664.00
Membership Dues	2,447.36
Nicholas Market	97.85
Pickleball Back To School Event	3,215.00
Pizza Lunch	25,007.00
Interest	3.21
Total Cash Receipts	72,819.67
Cash Disbursements:	
Art Appreciation	44.37
Bagel Lunch	1,183.25
Classroom Equipment	900.83
Coordinating Council Dues	3,500.00
Harvest Festival	116.25
Media Book Fair - Startup Cash	251.00
Newcomers Ice Cream Social	460.80
One Book/One School	1,868.00
Pickleball Back To School Event	176.90
Pond Maintenance	919.00
Zoom	170.49
Total Cash Disbursements	9,590.89
Register Balance as of 09/30/2024	94,344.41
Deposits in Transit as of 09/30/24	-
Outstanding Checks as of 09/30/24	856.82
Bank Balance as of 09/30/24	95,201.23

Account "Health Check"	
Register Balance as of 09/30/24	94,344.41
Pre-School Year Reserve	40,207.48
Remaining Balance	54,136.93
Contracted Expenses:	
Bagel Lunch	6,340.00
Jersey Mike's Lunch	16,308.00
Pizza Lunch	15,222.00
Total Contracted Expenses	37,870.00
Actual Funds Available	16,266.93
School Year Budget	101,325.00
Deficit to Budget	85,058.07
% of Budget Raised	16.1%