

Commack SEPTA Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2022

Meeting called to order @ North Ridge by Denise Shani @7:08pm

General Business

Welcome Introduction from Board Members

Admin and Members

Minutes from May

Approved as submitted.

Approval of Bylaws (changes of names/ virtual meetings)

Budget approved.

Treasurer's Report (Myvrose Chery)

Fiscal

Operating Account \$6,635.19

Money Market \$18,541.24

Membership (Denise)- Currently have 192 members. Looking forward to having additional members we will be attending all the open houses, introduce ourselves to all of the parents and trying to solicit more members this way.

Council- (Denise)

The new superintendent, Dr. Jordan Cox, gave his report. He is seeing a lot of enthusiasm amongst staff. Trying to enhance presence on social media. 10/11 Heroes Game/ Soccer under the stars for adults everyone is invited. Strategic planning commission, getting feedback from parents how they would like to get schools to look. Debbie Virga, community ambassador, SCPD ambassadors any issue (substance abuse) Middle School looking for volunteers for Career Day. Debbie Vilardi stated alcohol cannot be in any gift baskets, tickets or anything with children around. Class photography pictures will be taken of every student, do not need to order ahead of time.

Board of Education: *Gina Velazquez*

Dr Cox discussed New Commack school website drop downs pertaining to students and parents, he added that they were proud of FAQ by parents, drop downs about athletics, attendance calendar. Soccer called Clever chrome book log in and see many different programs, office 365 google classroom Everything in front of them when they open chrome book.

Soccer Under the Stars

Renovations: parking lots, lab, Road at North Ridge

Open houses coming up, parents can come in to see concerts and theater and teachers. BOE

Committee Multicultural Committee, festival every spring, still looking for volunteers can sign up until 9/16

Legislative Advocacy Committee needs volunteers

Students will be selected for committee soon

9/11 remembrance day

Need parents to volunteer to attend meetings and also for PTA council to go to meetings and report at SEPTA

Janine Duncan: legislative advocacy: students pick topics have reps and parents, the kids do the work, it is very powerful to see what they are doing

Nutrition-

No report

President's Report (Denise)-

Really excited for this year fundraisers and what we can do for community. Givebacks program secure site that gives back when you purchase online. Restaurant giveback days proceeds go to SEPTA starting with Panera coming 10/10 between 4 and 8PM, if you order from the app they will donate all day. Friendly's for the following month. Fundraiser at Bowlmor social interactions with peers make new friends 1 ½ hours pizza and drinks, great way socialize support community on Veterans Day.

Open Committee: volunteers are needed please!

Administration (Mrs. Savreena Riddle)

Year started off well positive feedback from students' families teachers families starting school year SPED DEPT moving to new building from Hubbs to Cedar Rd.

Partnering with Northwell Health, Northwell has building Commack mental health Commack community any student family that needs mental health faster response for provider. Mrs. Duncan stated kids are struggling social issues etc parents are doing everything they can and because they are so needed so hard for families crisis can't handle road blocks and Northwell assured us that we are partnered with them they will find therapists who find to take insurance. Can call them directly to make an appt school can help process if you want school to let Northwell know that you are calling. More info in the coming weeks. If you need something right away call them

Kindergarten : intervening phonological awareness speech pushes in pre reading skills sounds how they go together. Grade level push in, they will collect data for 30 weeks hopes less reading support from it OT all K classrooms push in during writing program letter formation posture hand stabilization (use of tech having trouble) 1x month home lesson to work on strength. Collected information will show how this supporting students.

Counseling at MS HS mandated IEP building level support

MS runs a push in program 1x quarterly designated classroom

Rocky Cinque discussed friendship program best buds

School Liaison Reports-

Primary North Ridge (Denise)- RH NR Liaison needed IMS Sawmill meeting new staff -psychologist burr AP returned to Sawmill. Events fall festival 10/21 school store need volunteers.

Middle School (Erika Wallerstein)- acclimating well more traditional school year case managers calling to introduce themselves today and tomorrow

Open house dates

Homework helpers funded by grant money all students who have an IEP before and after sped staff open invitation expectation is attending that they have work to do no pre teaching literally take out homework how can I help you not commitment 5 days a week . clubs will be starting end of the month sports starting as well. League of Yes season 5 weeks left looking for students and volunteers league of yes. Org in east meadow and in Farmingville fund raising money to build parks geared for students of all ages with disabilities mostly Saturdays

Suggestion for arts and crafts night integrated

High School (Kelly Seebach)- Off to great start 3rd year working in district excited about energy staff so thrilled to be back case managers will be calling parents, homework support homework helpers with high school including google classroom. The testing room run differently this year at high school teachers and TA rolling in and out to give fresh eyes every period parents asked for a change up for how they staff the testing room something to look at its been. Dr Pauline Shea transition coordinator will be coming to speak at SEPTA/ resource room transitioning process. OPWDD liaison Access NY . Homework Helpers have sped teachers as well at middle school and high school teacher 2 in am 2 in afternoon. Attendance is taken.

Teacher Rep Reports-

Committee Reports:

Fundraisers: photography

Boo Bags explanation pick up and distribute on your own life skills class will be assembling the buckets.

Givebacks

Membership coupon book

New Business/Open Discussion-

Our next Support Group Meeting is on Sept 23 @7:30 pm . Please RSVP to cmksept@gmail.com if you plan on attending.

Meeting closed by Denise Shani at 8:20 pm

Minutes submitted by: Mary Greco