

PTA Meeting
Virtual
3.6.24

Called to order 7:03 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speakers

- **Mr. Giancaspro-** Apologize that could not be in attendance
 - Preliminary Budget meeting 3/18
 - Public Hearing/Comment- April 2024
 - If 2 snow days are not used decision will be made at April meeting- added on to end of the year
 - 24-25 calendar now posted on the district website

- **Mr. Barrow-**
 - Spirit day activities ongoing across the month
 - Celebrated students of the month at Wildcat Assembly
 - This week launch Read Across America Spirit Week- Some digital read aloud
 - Welcome parents across the month of March to read to classrooms
 - Today Becton- National Honor Society read to classes and did activities with students
 - 18/20 students the attended were previous McKenzie or Faust Students
 - National Honor Society visits from Faust and Lincoln coming later this month
 - Kindergarten Concert- 3/20 Doors open 9:15
 - Tomorrow PD day for staff- Single Session Day
 - March Spirit Wear Sale
 - Pre-K Registration just opened now and will be closed on 3/28. - Online registration. Lottery to get in the program. Look at Press Release with information
 - Thanks to PTA for all of the support

- **Mrs. Barrale-**
 - February was a busy month
 - Lessons and activities for Black History Month
 - Visited community food bank in NJ- Participated in boxing of food and learned about food insecurities
 - Mr. Tonnel and the National Junior Honor Society- Spirit Week
 - Band and Choir performed at the ER Civic Center for Seniors
 - Presentation about Human Trafficking and focused on Internet Safety for students at their age appropriate level- presented by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office

- Thank you to families who came to parent teacher conferences- it is not too late if you want a meeting with your child's teacher- reach out to set something up
- PTA Coin Challenge going now through 3/15
- Congrats to Boys Basketball and Cheerleaders for a successful season

- **Mr. Vilardi-**
 - Welcomed back Ms. Affortunado from maternity leave
 - Black history month activities in the month of February
 - Celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Spirit Week
 - Midway through the 3rd marking period- Interim reports come out this Friday
 - Parent Teacher Conferences had a great turn out
 - Read Across America week- drop everything and read hour, virtual reading from Senator Booker\
 - National Elementary Honor Society students going down to McKenzie to read
 - This Friday World SEL Day
 - Student wrote positive affirmations around the building
 - Pi Day Challenge coming up- Monday sign ups open
 - Winners get to Pie Staff Members
 - PTA Coin Challenge
 - March 27th- 4th-8th grade students having a presentation on cyber safety
 - Parent Presentation that night to learn about safe browsing practices at home
 - Spring Showcase- 5/30 at Becton
 - Field Trip- June- Patterson Museum, Great Falls and the Negro League Museum and Jackals game
 - Make sure to notify office of absences
 - Layer clothing so can go outside as much as possible

- **Questions**
 - Pre K and K Registration

Agenda

Correspondence

- Thank You- Candy Kabob- Ms. Barrale, Mr. Vilardi, Mr. Barrow

Treasurer's Report

- Reports are posted on the PTA page on the district website
- PTA- \$14,403.85
- 8th Grade Committee- \$5,096.76

Membership

- Links are available on PTA on district website

- Links available on the PTA Facebook page

8th Grade Committee- Yuk

- Fundraisers this month
 - 3/14- 7pm-8th grade class v ERPD & ERFD
 - 3/22- School Dance @ 7pm
 - Looking for volunteers to chaperone
 - Would love to have more Dads present at the event

Kids Night Out

- 3/22- Lincoln School- 6pm-8pm
 - Blacklight glow up party
 - \$12- Student- Pizza, Chips and Water
- 3/23- McKenzie Students- 3pm-5pm
 - \$12- Student- Pizza, Chips and Water
- No sign ups at the door
- Get in permissions slips as soon as you can
- Parent/Guardian is required to stay for the event- not a drop off
- Photo Booth, DJ, Tattoo, Games
- Looking for parents to volunteer for both events

Tricky Tray

- May 17th
- Looking for donations
- Be on the lookout for information about ticket sales

New Business

- Coin Challenge- Currently going on until 3/15
 - Money raised goes towards the end of year events
 - Most money raised will get a pizza party
- Spirit Wear Sale- coming up
- Field Day- Be on the lookout for letters for shirt sizes in the upcoming months
 - T-Shirt Design Contest from 3/18-3/29
- Some recent questions about what the PTA fundraising funds are used for
 - We will be more specific on what specific things are going towards
 - Encouraged to look at the budget posted if specific questions

Next Meeting is Wednesday April 3rd, 2024- 7pm Meeting will be virtual- Zoom link will be shared as we are closer

Meeting Adjourned- 7:38 pm