**TACKAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA**

Meeting Minutes for June 4, 2024

PTA General Membership Meeting

***Attendees:***

Principal: Mr. Furey Executive Board:

Teacher Representatives President - Michelle Abola

Mr. Conner 1st Vice President - Carisa Wellenreuther

Mrs. Mrose 2nd Vice President - Melanie Ressa Treasurer - Dawn Gary Recording Secretary - Jaclyn Sorce Corresponding Secretary - Eileen McCullough Council Delegate - Nicole McCord

A General Membership Meeting was called to order on June 4th at 7:34 pm.  This meeting was held in person. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Minutes** - The minutes from the May 7th meeting were distributed.  Kerin made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second made by Alyssa.  A vote was held, and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer Report -**. Presented by Dawn Gary: Cash on hand is $38,178.87. Subject to audit. Final receipts must be submitted ASAP.

**Correspondence –** presented by Elieen McCullough:

1. Thank you from Nick Tackman (Deadliest Catch)
2. Thank you from Bonnie, TA for teacher appreciation.
3. Thank you from the kindergarten teachers for all the recent events.
4. Thank you from the fifth-grade teachers for all the special events.
5. Thank you for the flowers from the gardening club.

**Council Report -** presented by Nicole McCord: Mr. Furey spoke for the elementary school level. He discussed how busy the elementary schools have been with all the activities that have been held. We will have a summer reading activity. If a student reads at least 40 days this summer, they will participate in a celebration with ices in September. Mrs. Spata discussed a program through Smithtown Library called Book Battle. It is for 5th through 7th grade. The kids are given six books to read, and, at the end, they will compete against other schools answering questions about the books.

**SEPTA Update -** presented by Corey Doherty: already looking into things for September…

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Cultural Arts** - presented by Tara Picht: Last cultural arts event of the year is Jared Campbell on 6/11. We had a very busy May. Already looking into activities for the next school year.

**Health & Wellness -** presented by Amy Cucci/Bittany Zizzo: Tasting Tuesday is 6/11. Walking Club was great, and we didn’t need any rain dates!

**Family Restaurant Night** - presented by Danielle Treder/Nicole Murphy: Duck Donuts was great! So much fun! Planning a kickoff for September!

**Apparel** - presented by Lauren Horsfall/Annie Cheng-Chu: Everything was delivered. New sale in the fall!

**Clothing Drive -** Presented by Corey Doherty/Tom Doherty: The clothing drive made $212. Want to think of some different ideas for next year to raise more money!

**Ducks Game -** Presented by Annie Cheng- Chu: We sold 273 tickets. It was a great night!

**Smillows -** Presented by Michelle Abola: Huge success! Raised $1600 in one week!!!! Most were already picked up.

**School Supply Kits** – presented by Jaclyn Williams/Danielle Morello: Kits were delivered yesterday. Pick up is 6/11, 5-7pm. An email will go out.

**Fifth grade trip** – Presented by Renata Figari/Alyssa Inzerillo: 185 bagels made with cream cheese and butter that morning! Everyone had such a great time!!!

**Field Day** – Presented by Annie Cheng-Chu/Emily Cianci/Juliana Mercaldi: Weather was perfect. Everyone had a wonderful day. Thank you to all who helped.

**Kindergarten Orientation** – presented by Annie Cheng-Chu: Everything went well.

**Spring Fling** – Presented by Annie Cheng-Chu/Alyssa Inzerillo: Over 800 in attendance. Vendors complimented how well behaved the kids were. Great successful event.

**Fifth Grade Picnic** - Presented by Michelle Abola/Eileen McCullough: This Friday. The weather looks great. Taking place at Veterans Memorial Park. We will have snacks, pizza and the ice cream man. Reminder will go out. Please bring water bottles, sunblock, etc.

**Fifth Grade Moving Up** – presented by Brianne Walsh/Amy Cucci: Tues. 6/18 Everything arrives at 8am. Everything is pretty much ready to go.

**Fifth grade yearbooks** – presented by Marlene Ainello/ Alexa Bueno: 125 yearbooks delivered Distributed June 14th,10:20am at the bagel breakfast.

**Teacher’s Report -** presented by Mrs. Mrose and Mr. Conner

**Kindergarten**

* Math - review addition and subtraction
* Writing - Opinion writing, utilizing proper punctuation/capitalization when writing more than one sentence.
* ELA/Science - Ocean animals and writing about facts learned, NF features that help readers.

**First Grade**

* PLTW/Science - Sun, Stars and Moon
* ELA - Students are exploring the power of books shared across time and culture with our geodes series. We are  exploring powerful forces (Wind).
* Math - Geometry, Time, Advancing place value, addition and subtraction.
* Social Studies -  Needs and Wants, Summer activities.
* Writing - Opinion writing

**Second Grade**

* Math - Multiplication and Division Foundations
* Writing - Memoirs and Opinion Writing
* ELA/SS - Identifying literary elements, character traits and motivation and readers form opinions, Flag Day
* Science - PLTW- Living Things- Diversity of Life

**Third Grade**

* ELA/Writing - novel study: Peter Pan, opinion writing
* Math - Module 6: Geometry, Measurement and Data
* SS - concluding a unit about China.
* PLTW - Weather

**Fourth Grade**

* Module 5 - Place Value Concepts for Decimal Fractions, End-of-Year Review, Enrichment
* PLTW - Organisms: Structure and Function
* SS - The American Revolutionary War
* ELA- Novel -Teacher-selected novels; Comprehension Strategies; RACE responses, TASK paragraphs, OREO opinion paragraphs, Narrative Writing, Book Creator
* Independent Research Studies
* Grammar and Vocabulary
* SEL - Morning meetings, feelings, gratitude

**Fifth Grade**

* Math -
  + Module 5: Addition and Multiplication with Area and Volume
  + Module 6 Math: Foundations to Geometry on the Coordinate Plane
* ELA -
  + Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
    - The purpose of this module will be to introduce students to the concept of how human beings create/use rules to either thrive or survive.
    - This module will immerse students in the strategies of summarization and reflection.
  + Scholastic News: non-fiction comprehension skills
  + Memoir Writing
* SS -Governments & Economic systems  in the Western Hemisphere
* Grammar **-** Sadlier Vocabulary/Grammar review
* SEL **-**
  + Growth Mindset
* End of year events
  + Picnic
  + Yearbook signing
  + Moving Up

**ART**

**\*Kindergarteners and First Graders** have been hard at work making crayon resist artworks based on the book “Kitten's First Full Moon.”

**\*2nd Grade** used model magic to create dimensional sea creatures on their underwater backgrounds.

**\*3rd Grade** is using watercolor to finish their dragon eye paintings.

**\*4th Grade** will make a model magic monster sculpture

**\*5th graders** are still working on their “Dragon Eye” sculptures using model magic clay. Have a great summer!

**LIBRARY**

**\*Kindergarten** will be learning about the scientific method and conducting a "Does it sink, or does it float?" science experiment.

\***First grade** is using story elements to create a story taco based on the book Dragons Love Tacos.

\***Second grade** is creating a digital project based on the non-fiction book What if You Had an Animal Nose?

\***Third grade** is creating a synonym and antonym flower using Google Draw.

\***Fourth grade** is working on their coding unit and will be creating pixel drawings.

\***Fifth grade** is working on their book trailer project.

**MUSIC**

\*Composer of the Month: movie & tv composer Ludwig Goransson

\***K** - various seasonal songs and movement

\***1** - finishing work with locomotor and non-locomotor movement

\***2** - finishing creating and performing new lyrics to the song Down by The Bay

\***3** - just had our recorder presentation last night, and the students performed very well

\***4 & 5** - continuing to work on some new notes on recorder

\*4th Grade Concert - Monday, 6/10

\*5th Grade Concert - Wednesday, 6/12

\* Both concerts have the students performing twice -

1) in the afternoon for the school (until the end of the school day) - if you have a child performing, please try to avoid taking students out of school early that day

2) and in the evening - students are to arrive at 6:15, parents will be allowed into the gym starting at 6:40, concert starts at 7:00.

\*Day concert - Tackan shirt; no heels, flip flops, or wedges; jeans and sneakers are fine.

\*Evening concert - white top, black bottom, and black shoes; please try to refrain from wearing jeans, sneakers, heels, flip flops, or wedges. This is our “uniform”, and it creates a sense of teamwork.

**Principal’s Report** - presented by Mr. Furey: We have had tons of successful events this year. Kindergarten orientation and bus ride went well. Field days were so much fun! First grade show was fantastic, and our kindergarten show is this week. Police appreciation week went well. Officers came into the classrooms! The fifth-grade trip was on a chartered party boat. Being “contained” on the boat gave the kids the opportunity to all spend time together. The third grade recorder concert was brought back last year. It’s a great opportunity for the kids to get used to being on stage and performing.

Several events coming up to close out the school year…

Sliming the principal for PARP.

June 10 – 4th grade concert 7pm

June 12 – 5th grade concert 7pm

June 13 – On Target

June 13, 14, 17 – Fire Prevention with Nesconset Fire Dept

June 18 – Moving up ceremony (arrival 10am and starts 10:30) ( Rain date 6/20)

June 19 – school closed.

June 21 – HS Grad walkthrough

June 24 & 25 – early dismissal… 25th is the last day!

Report cards distributed 6/25.

Tackan Summer Reading will be coming home soon…

**PTA Presidents Report** – by Michelle Abola:

We have had a successful year! Our school has the highest cultural arts budget!

Thank you to all the teachers and staff… Thank you to Mr. Furey, we are lucky to have a principal like you!

Every teacher received 3 books from the PTA paid for with the scholastic dollars we earned.

Mrs. Costas class is running “Pennies with a Purpose.” All change will be donated to Ronald McDonald House @ Stonybrook

PTA Chairperson dinner is this Thursday at Giorgios

Tonight, we will put out the sign-up sheets for next year… stand up (year-round) will not be out… this includes restaurant night, cultural arts, on target etc.

We have our VIP program…must be a member of the PTA, attend meetings… chair/board member… if your child attends 6 years, you must meet the requirements for at least five. If 5 years, you must meet the requirements for 4, and so on…the VIPs will get VIP seats and parking permits for moving up.

Fifth grade parents that are on the board or chaired events receive flowers.

\*Eileen gave a beautiful speech complimenting Michelle for all she has done as a parent, board member, and PTA president.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** –  None

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

**NEXT MEETING in September! Have a great summer!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS**

A. 6/7 fifth grade picnic

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|  |  | B. 6/10 - 4th Grade Spring Concert |
|  |  | C. 6/11 - School Supply Kit Pick-Up 5:00-7:00 pm |
|  |  | D. 6/11 - Board of Education Meeting 8:00 pm |
|  |  | E. 6/12 - 5th Grade Spring Concert |
|  |  | F. 6/18 - 5th Grade Moving Up (Rain Date: June 20th) |
|  |  | G. 6/19 - Juneteenth (No School) |
|  |  | H. 6/24 and 6/25 - Half Day of School |
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