

Slingerlands PTA  
Meeting Minutes  
9/14/10

## **I. Introduction**

- A. Meeting called to order at 7: 15 p.m. Approximately 50 people in attendance.

Agendas and budget passed out. For future reference, in order to save on paper, please print these items from home for the next meeting. They are available on the PTA website.

- B. Changes to the agenda- None

## **II. Discussion and Voting Items**

- A. Vote in new VP for Membership-Ingrid Sorensen, motion by Tina Caballero and Kim Namkoong 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- B. 1<sup>st</sup> Day Balloons-motion to approve \$59.17 for year balloons. Motion by Dana Burns and Karen Freeman 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **III. Announcements and Reports**

- A. Principal- Welcome to a new year.

- A smooth start even with a day break in between.
- Good transition by students. 2<sup>nd</sup> year of full day Kindergarten.
- Thank you parents for preparing your children for the start of school.
- If you need to communicate with school, please talk to teacher and call office to address concerns.
- There is a wealth of information is on the website: Letter from Principal
- New system for school pictures
- Kitty Gill retired but Lynn Kohler doing a fabulous job. She comes from Middle School. Please introduce and welcome her.
- No third person in office but ½ person shared with Glenmont working in library.
- Cafeteria newly painted
- New pieces on playground added. Classes currently being instructed on Wave for safety reasons. Kindergarten not on trolley

or rock wall yet.

- New Sidewalk to Slingerlands installed as part of Safe Routes to School. Police to patrol area to avoid cars parking on the sidewalk.
- Parking lot renovations on hold at the moment, as well as carpet removal in some rooms and leaky roof.

B. Teacher Representatives- (Mrs. Clarkson and Mrs. Messier)

- Thank you for new playground pieces.
- How will teachers be reimbursed for start up? As per NYS guidelines, PTA now needs to receive a receipt for up to \$75 for supplies preferably by September 30 unless a teacher is waiting for a particular item. Teachers to use check request form in Main Office and on PTA website.
- Thank you from Mrs. Messier as this is her last PTA meeting due to Maternity Leave.

C. Co-Presidents

- Call for Volunteers- Hospitality Chair needed to coordinate food snacks for Open House, Ice Cream Social, Art Show ice cream social, American Ed week. Danielle Balzan generously volunteered to chair this evening.
- Welcome Packet- in red folders this week
- Jump Start Volunteer Parent program- Volunteers are paired with students to help read, give extra help and one on one time here at Slingerlands or other district schools. Great program.
- Hannaford Help Schools program- Available to those interested in starting a program for our school to earn equipment, supplies, computers etc.
- Volunteer Form in PTA packet- Please review and send back.
- Harvest Dance update- Bridget McGowan and Angela Neal to Co-Chair. Contact them if interested in helping.
- Please provide e-mail address for PTA database.
- Find PTA on Facebook, Slingerlands Website, Twitter.
- Fall Fundraiser- change to Joe Corbi- similar to Innisbrook. Turn in Sept 30-Oct 15.

D. Treasurer- see Beth Ryan for report

- Please print from home for next meeting. Please put forms for treasurer in the folder in Main Office not in student folder.
- Tip sheet for check requests, Committee budgets etc. to come out soon.

E. Healthy Kids Committee

- District-Wide Healthy Kids Committee formed. First Event is Week of Oct 18-22. Farm to you Fest (recipe contest using farmer's market, scavenger hunt, promotion of locally grown produce. Last year, this program sponsored 1000 pounds of produce to those in need.  
Meetings at Public Library once a month. Distribution list available.

F. Other

- Sign up sheet for Open House refreshments provided this evening as well as extra copies of PTA forms.
- Sprit Wear- program to begin soon.

**IV. Adjournment- 7:55 p.m.**