



October Meeting: 10/3/24

Attendees:

- In Person Attendees: Nichole Harrell, Therese Brigham, Jen Salisbury, Dr. Evans, Chris Marshall, Jodi St. Gelais, Jen England, Laura Munkres, Marian Eck, Tina Powell
- Virtual Attendees - Mrs. Durrant, Christine Blair, Jennifer C. Rieger, Mark DiCocco

Agenda/Minutes:

1. Updates from the President, Nichole Harrell

- a. Shining Stars - Sally Draina Back To School Breakfast - THANK YOU!
- b. Membership - keep pushing!
 - i. Mazzone catering benefit through October.
- c. Spartan Buddies - we received a donation from SEPTA
 - i. we must vote on a line for our budget, all voted yes

2. Reports

- a. Board of Education Report - Jim Ireland
- b. Principal Report - Principal, Rick Evans
 - i. Tomorrow is World SMILE Day :) All students and adults will receive a smiley sticker
 - ii. Students and adult can write a message, something inspirational, put a smile on someone's face to spread good vibes
 - iii. During October, we will be building on helping our students identifying their strengths, use it in a way to help yourself as well as others
 - iv. Reminder about handbook - please review Code of Conduct with your child.
 - v. Thank you for the Back To School Breakfast - Sally, Chris, Stacey D.
- c. Teacher Report - Mrs. Durrant
 - i. Back to school breakfast was so appreciated. Thank you for your hard work!
 - ii. Parent liaisons seems to be going really well so far. Thank you, Nichole, for communicating with the teachers. Seems to be a great system so far!
 - iii. 3 to Thrive Assembly was really awesome. Recognized top readers and Summer Math Challenge students.
 - iv. Dance Residency for 5th graders is going well.
 - v. Just Run and Workout Wednesdays has been awesome so far.
 - vi. Popcorn Friday went very smoothly last week - thanks to parent volunteers.
 - vii. Fire Safety DAY coming up, as well as school pictures
 - viii. Parents - please start to pack extra layers for your kiddos. It's getting cold quickly!
 - 1. PLEASE LABEL YOUR BELONGINGS!
- d. SEPTA Report - No one present
- e. Fundraising Report - Brittany Keller, not present



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- i. Pie sales underway! Ends mid-October. Delivery will be Monday of the week of Thanksgiving
 - 1. Mourningkill is fresh and local, other company is frozen
- ii. Spirit Wear - may be two companies, one for just Stevens others for Spartans
- iii. Looking into licensing for Family Movie Night
- iv. Silver Graphics - local company will not work out, must send out
 - 1. We will be scanning in kiddos work. May need lots of help with scanning in, almost like an assembly line type of deal
- f. PTA Treasurer Report - Jennifer England - No update
 - i. current bank balance

3. Discussion & Committee Updates

- a. Book Fair- Jen Salisbury, Laura Munkres
 - i. Ready to roll with sign ups
 - ii. Wednesday the 23, Thursday the 24, both 5-8 pm and during Monster Mash
 - iii. Will be in the library during Monster Mash
- b. Guptills - Jen Salisbury
 - i. Possible Family Night
 - ii. 2 hours on a weeknight, \$25 includes skates
 - iii. Rollerrama - \$11 pp, \$550 flat rate for a private event
- c. Monster Mash- Marian Eck
 - i. Planning is going well, Friday the 25th 4:30-6:30
 - ii. Tables from 4:30-6:30, Trunk or Treat from 5-6:30
 - iii. Pumpkins at the end, Passport system so kids can get stamps at each car
 - iv. High Schoolers to help with face paint
 - v. Middle Schoolers coming to help with tattoos
 - vi. Photo backdrop
- d. Science Night- Jen England
 - i. January event, typically in our building with stations
 - ii. Can't volunteer AND take your kid around, difficult for parents
 - iii. Jen called MiSci - Open up the planetarium at the actual museum
 - iv. No cost to families, \$700 cost total
 - v. Nichole - maybe a Health and Wellness night further down the road
- e. Warm Hearts, Warm Hands- Christine Blair
 - i. For families having difficulty finding cold-weather clothing for their children
 - ii. Families email Caitlin Vigliotti with their needs, Christine Blair then sends out an email with the needs in our building
- f. Ski Club price increase goes into effect 10/15 - Christine Blair
 - i. If you sign your kiddo up shoot Christine Blair an email so she can double check with West Mountain

4. Mark your calendars

- a. Picture Day, October 10th - needs one more volunteer



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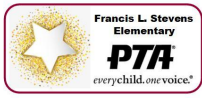
- o. No School, October 14th
- c. Popcorn Friday, October 18th
- d. Book Fair, October 21-25
- e. Monster Mash, October 25th
- f. Halloween parade is in the afternoon on Halloween

5. Good of the Order

6. Next PTA Meeting

- o. Thursday, November 7th @ 6:30 pm

7. Meeting Adjourned @ 7:14



September Meeting: 9/10/24

Attendees:

- In Person Attendees: Jen Salisbury, Therese Brigham, Nichole Harrell, Mary Lawrence, Jodi St. Gelais, Sally Draina, Michelle LaVoy, Soniya Madasra, Marian Eck, Douglas Phillips, Jen Coleman, Jenny Roblino, Debbie Bigelow, Jen Terpening, Ashley Jones, Laura Munkres, Stacey Domasi, Kim Herkaus, Chris Marshall, SheraDawn Hunt, Tina Powell, Christine Blair, Jesse Johnson, Erica Marshall, Dave Collins (District), Dacey Bonney (District)
- Virtual Attendees: Erin Smith, Thatyana, Kate Kurera, Ashley Griswold, Brittany Keller, Janet Draina, Justine Ochal, Abby Burchett, Erin Gaylord, Shree Gudipaty, Kat Guilfoyle, Kassia Baldwin, Jennifer Carroll, Jessie Johnson

Agenda/Minutes: 6:28

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. 2024-2025 Executive Board Members

2. Updates from the President

- a. Shining Stars
 - i. Mary Lawrence! Answers all of Nichole's texts and calls, has been a wonderful PTA leader and played various roles in the exec. Committee for many years!
- b. Bank Visitors
 - i. Student Banking - Kids banking here at Stevens.
 - ii. \$2 to sign up, once a week students can deposit any amount.
 - iii. Prizes are given out.
 - iv. Will occur every Thursday.
 - v. Report cards can now be submitted online!

3. District Leaders- Dr. McGrath, Dave Collins (Assistant Superintendent), Dacey Bonney (Director of Human Resources)

- a. Hiring Process for replacement for Dr. Evans
 - i. When we come back from the Holiday break, we will have a new leader at Stevens.
 - ii. Looking for and valuing a "community approach" to the process. We have a history of longevity for our administrators here in the district.
 - iii. Jenny Roblino is sitting on the committee as a parent representative for the hiring committee.
 - iv. Over 25 applications were received. Moving 8-10 candidates into the interview round. Sept. 26th is the interview day. After this, they will move up to 3 people forward to Dr. McGrath. Hoping to be board appointed by the end of October.



4. Reports

- a. Board of Education Report - Jim Ireland
 - i. Not present, but gave Nichole notes. He is our connection to the Board of Ed.
- b. Principal Report - Principal, Rick Evans
 - I. Not present, due to the conversation about his retirement - he will be missed!
- c. Teacher Report - Mrs. Pfeifer and Mrs. Durrant
 - i. Mrs. Pfeifer is on maternity leave.
 - ii. Mrs. Durrant recommends we recruit help for Science night early, due to Pashley doing their event on the same night
- d. SEPTA Report- Changing its name to Special to Exceptional
- e. Fundraising Report - Brittany Keller
 - i. Last year too much was going on at once.
 - ii. First fundraiser is going to be Spirit Wear (will be fall and spring)
 - iii. Pies and tea breads - pick up right before Thanksgiving
 - iv. Wrapping paper fundraiser
 - v. Silver Graphics owner is retiring so we are looking into a similar program
- f. PTA Treasurer Report - Jennifer England
 - i. Not present - current bank balance is \$27,368.24

5. Discussion & Committee Updates

- a. Welcome Back Breakfast- Sally Draina
 - i. Sept. 11, morning
 - ii. Panera and Chick-Fil-A has been ordered and will be delivered
- b. Ski Club- Christine Blair
 - i. 3rd year for Stevens, no all elementary and MS are running the club
 - ii. Will be on Monday nights for 6 weeks, starts Jan. 6, 2025
 - iii. Lessons are available, start at 4 p.m.
 - iv. Parents must provide transportation, not a drop-off event
 - v. Meal plan can be included for \$69
 - vi. Other perks available, discounted tickets, etc.
- c. Monster Mash- Marian Eck
 - i. Friday, October 26th from 4:30-6:30
 - ii. Hoping to get planning committee going
 - iii. Hoping to get Pizza Works to do dinner again, people can pre-pay
 - iv. Scholastic Book fair will be at the event and Oct. 21-25 during library time
- d. Membership Drive- Spartan Day- Jen Coleman
 - i. 55 members before open house



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- ii. We will continue to push at BTSN
- iii. We will pick an Amazon Gift Card winner
- iv. Link right on website to sign up
- v. Spartan Day PTA table on Set. 28 (Homecoming at Indian Meadows) to try to get more enrollment into PTA
- e. Yearbooks are now for Sale - Mary Lawrence
 - i. Encouraged to buy now, 10% off
- f. Family Directory - Mary Lawrence
 - i. Teachers cannot give out contact information
 - ii. PTA runs the directory, can be accessed from the website
 - iii. First time you log in, you will need to update your information
 - 1. Does NOT manually move your child and grade
- g. Parent Liaison - Nichole
 - i. Not to be confused with Homeroom parents
 - ii. Some teachers were still asking for them personally
 - iii. Help the teacher communicate out information to their classes

6. Mark your calendars

- a. Thursday, Sept 12th: K-2 Back to School Night
 - i. No bank table
 - ii. PTA will have a table, Nichole cannot be there
 - iii. SEPTA will have a table
- b. Wednesday, Sept 25th: 3-5 Back to School Night
- c. Friday, Sept 27th: Popcorn Friday
 - i. Mohawk Honda will be covering everyone's popcorn
 - ii. New machine costs \$1300
- d. Ride for Missing Children - Sept. 20 11:42-11:50 a.m. comes to Stevens

7. Next PTA Meeting

- a. Thursday, October 3rd at 6:30 pm.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.