

Fulmar Road Elementary School PTO

November 2024 – General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time & Location:

Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Board Attendance (In Person):

Gary Chadwick
Monica Biundo
Victoria Scaglione
Danielle Vezzuto
C.J. Umbrino
Ellen Faulkner
Jeanine McCarthy

Board Attendance (Zoom):

Stephanie Welton
Gabby DiNizio

Meeting called to order by: Monica Biundo, Co-President

Principal's update – Principal Chadwick

If you take a look at the slides at the end it will have a lot of our upcoming events

Kindergarten

The children loved the Outhouse Orchards Field Trip! Thanks to the PTO for sponsoring this trip. It was fun and educational and a great time was had by all.

We had our first Boces Science workshop, Weather and the 5 Senses. The children loved learning about temperature, thermometers and what a meteorologist does as well as learning about the 5 Senses.

The children are building their reading and math skills. We are so impressed with their sight word knowledge and becoming beginner reader.

Last but not least, we are celebrating our Thanksgiving "Friendsgiving" on Friday. The children all made turkey costumes and crowns and parents donated items for us to have our feast together. Thank you to all of the parents that have contributed to this. We are so grateful! Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Also, just to remind all of you, we are doing our food drive and we have a number of Fulmar Road families that the food will all be going to, so please take a look at the weekly flier as to the items that are needed. We are good on turkeys, so just the things that are listed on the flier, we could certainly use some more help. It's going right back to our Fulmar Road families.

Grade 1

Parent teacher conferences were successful, it was wonderful to meet with the parents to share and discuss their child's progress so far.

We are headed to Mahopac Library next week to have a tour, borrow a book, listen to a story and do a small craft.

Mrs. Murphy, our STEAM teacher, has been in our rooms recently to teach us about break out rooms... The kids are loving looking for the clues, putting in codes and unlocking the puzzles.

Thanks again to the PTO from all of the grade levels for setting up such a successful Book Fair, the children truly enjoyed shopping and getting new books

Grade 2

Math- We are continuing to work on one and two step word problems involving taking apart and putting together, as well as, comparing.

In Reading- Students will continue to practice strategies for solving tricky words, as they read independently. We will also discuss the author's intention as we share books during read alouds.

Phonics-We have been identifying rhyming patterns by finding words that sound the same but look different.

In writing- Students have been working on revising and adding details to their favorite pieces of writing,

In science- We will be working on what a scientist does and how scientists investigate collaboratively. We will be exploring different properties of matter, as well as differentiating between flexible and non-flexible objects.

In December we will be taking a trip to the Mahopac Public Library. Please assist your child in securing a Library Card prior to our trip. Mrs. Garcia, who works in the Fulmar Road library, sent home with your child a bookmark with a QR code for Mahopac Public Library to apply for a library card in advance.

Grade 3

ELA- We are finishing up our personal narrative unit in writing and our unit on building a reading life. We are now transitioning into our mystery unit in reading and our opinion writing unit.

In Math- We are working on our multiplication unit where we are building our number sense and our understanding of the relationships between addition and multiplication.

In Social Studies - We are beginning our unit of the United States and our unique history.

Science- We were able to kick start our forces and motion unit with a “hands on” workshop through BOCES. The presentation gave us a strong foundation to build our knowledge upon. We also were able to experience the very exciting, “Mr. C Science Show,” virtually -from the Ridgefield Playhouse. This show provided an opportunity to see real science applications in a fun and entertaining way.

All second and third grade classes enjoyed having Phil Bildner who came in to present, and thanks to the PTO for that.

Grade 4

In Math we are starting multiplication! Students should all be practicing their facts as well as the math vocabulary that went home.

In Science we are finishing up the unit on Information Processing. Students will be creating Mythical Creatures and writing about both the internal and external structures to help their creatures survive! They are excited to write about and draw their creatures!

The trout are getting bigger and are now in the Fry stage. Most of them are swimming in the big tank and are starting to eat the fish chow Mr. Jordan gives them!

In ELA- We went to the Carmel Movie Theatre to see the movie “The Wild Robot”, which as some of you know, was our “One Book One School” book a few years back. Thank you to the PTO for helping get us there.

Grade 5

The 5th graders had an amazing time at Ridgefield playhouse. Many students and even a teacher got called on stage to be part of the live show. Thank you to the PTO for making that trip happen.

The second grade, I had mentioned, watched the video, that was the fifth graders that were there, so some of them got to see their siblings either on stage or in the audience, which was pretty cool.

In ELA, we have finished our narratives and book clubs. We will be working on our Thanksgiving Day parade project, “A View From Above”. As well as working on writing about our reading and focusing on themes

In science we have started our second unit involving matter. We will be completing our first lab investigation, “Cloud in a Bottle”, this week.

In social studies, we are continuing to learn about the first people of the Western hemisphere.

In Math, we are working on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals. Anyone who has a fifth grader knows we are excited about Turkey Bowl coming on Monday, so kids are continuing to practice their math facts and are excited to see the buildings and grounds workers building the field.

President’s Report given by Monica Biundo

Nothing to report from President's Council, but I want to mention that our Spirit Wear cheddar up link is going to be open all year round. It's a little new for this year, but we have a great vendor who is keeping that link open and throughout the year we're going to be adding more items for purchase and we hope you guys enjoy the Spirit Wear this year.

Treasurer's Report given by Gabby DiNizio

- operating account \$ 89,768.13
- small business account \$ 2,224.09

Activities Treasurer Report given by C.J. Umbrino

• Activities account \$49,821.57

Teachers, as you are wrapping up your workshops, please don't forget to submit a check request and if you have any questions about that feel free to reach out to me by email.

PTO Workshops Report given by C.J. Umbrino (for Lauren Doria)

We are thankful to you all for your work on the workshops and she will be in touch with Winter Workshops to start right after the new year.

Cultural Enrichment Report given by Victoria Scaglione

Third grade is going to Teatown Reservation. Mrs. Adamonis' class and Mrs. Chrisman's class are going Friday, and then next week on the 26th. Ms. DiLullo's class and Mrs. Huggard's class go. They'll participate in the program Hudson Valley Wildlife, learning about the animal and their habitat. On January 15 we have Lou Del Bianco coming for grades K-2.

Membership Report given by Danielle Vezzuto

Membership has increased since last month, so if you haven't had a chance yet please go on to the website and click on the cheddar up link to join the PTO

Recording Secretary Report given by Ellen Faulkner

October 2024 meetings have been approved, and are posted on the PTO's website.

Fundraising Report given by Monica Biundo for Jess Cipollone

We have the Holiday Sale coming up in December. The kids love it, they love to shop, we do need volunteers, so that Sign up genius is going to be coming out soon, so if you can volunteer some time to help with the Holiday Sale, that would be amazing.

Yearbooks Report given by for Jeanine McCarthy

Friday is picture make-up day, so make sure they come in Friday ready. They will be called down grade by grade, and if you have the pictures you are unhappy with, bring them in. If you haven't pre-ordered, if you go on the weekly updates, there's a link from September from BNL and a customer service number. For fifth grade parents, a flyer has been in the weekly updates and the fifth grade teachers have sent out an email about baby pictures. Please email them as it says on the flyer, they are due by January 15. Sale of the yearbook will be coming out soon.

Upcoming events

School picture retakes – November 22

Holiday Sale – December

Sweetheart Dance – February

Auction Night – March 21

Mother's Day Sale – May

Father's Day Sale – June

Spirit Day – June 20

Questions

Workshops are starting to end, are there other sessions?

CJ Umbrino - Yes – those workshops run three times a year. There's a fall session, a winter session that usually starts in the new year, sometime in January, and a spring session.

Monica Biundo - If you sign up for workshops, please also sign up for your PTO membership. That is a yearly membership. Every year, you have to make sure you sign up through the membership link. And you can do that when you sign up for the workshops if you haven't had a chance to do it year.

Comments

Kate Bellantoni – Thank you to everyone who has volunteered already for the Sweetheart Dance. I know we are a little ways out, but I wanted to mention that if there are any other volunteers, we have to get together a pretty good list, so please reach out to me. It's a child-adult dance (mom, dad, any adult) – it's a good way to volunteer if you want to be involved in the dance

Monica Biundo – Our Book Fair was very successful – the kids had so much fun. We did a really great job. It should cover our "One Book One School" Books for the entire school. Thank you everybody for supporting the book fair.

If anyone has any questions, you can email the PTO and we will definitely get back to you.
Everyone have a great holiday!

Next Meeting:

1/15/202 @ 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:17 p.m.

Minutes Compiled by: Ellen Faulkner, Recording Secretary