

**Oquenock PTA
General Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by PTA President Mary Louise Cairo at 7:45PM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. 29 members attended.

- President,
Mary Louise Cairo:** Mary Louise thanked Kristina Delaney for her hospitality efforts. Spring Conference and Business meeting is May 7. Kindergarten Orientation scheduled for tomorrow and May 15. Volunteers are needed. The bus ride orientation is May 27. Voted on and passed the Budget as Educationally Sound.
- Recording Secretary,
Allison Reichel:** Minutes from the last meeting were accepted as submitted.
- Corresponding
Secretary,
Michelle Martinez:** Thank you from Our Lady of Lourdes for food pantry items. Genia Radigan thank you card was also received.
- Treasure,
Nicole Cassagnau:** Not in attendance. The Treasure's Report was accepted as submitted.
- Principal,
Dawn Morrison:** Mrs. Morrison thanked the PTA and Sharon Canarella for her efforts with Wacky Workout Wednesday and the health and wellness assembly. Thank you to the environment committee for their recycling efforts. Thank you for the dental hygiene assembly and PARP. Thank you for Community Readers Day and to all parents for helping out. Mrs. Howard put together an outstanding health fair the Friday before break that included a variety of activities. 5th graders went to Cradle of Aviation. 3-5 had a go-green assembly. The teachers are really embracing the new literacy programs. The Getting to Know Oquenock program has been a great success. Thank you to the Kindergarten teachers and the parents. The playground is now complete. Class Parent program changes were presented. The goal is to invite a larger number of persons to come in to the school and be involved. It will take place in K and 1. There will be one contact person responsible for contacting and coordinating with the teacher and parents. There will be 3 classroom events that people can sign up for as well as various PTA activities that they can sign up for. K and 1 teachers will send a letter home in early September. There will be 3 sign up lists available. One for PTA Functions, one for Contact Lottery, and one for Class Functions. At the EOY, the program will be evaluated by the teachers and parents as to whether or not it should continue and be rolled out to the school as a whole. Questions about the program were taken from the floor.
- Teacher Liaisons,
Mrs. Bonkov and
Mrs. Dragelin:** Thank you for the Wacky Wednesday and the Community Readers Day. K and 1 teachers are looking forward to the new class parent program and will work hard to make it a great success.
- Board of Education,
Rich Hujik:** BOE meeting May 2.
- Arts and Education,
Lena Montes:** Lena is working to schedule a Prismatic Laser Light Show on May 14 at 9:15AM and 10:05AM and a Bully Proof Your Schools magic and humor school on June 19 at 1:00PM and 2:00PM.

Health and Wellness, Sharon Canarella	Sharon is looking to plan a "Walk to School" Wednesday.
Book Fair, Helene Ferguson	BOGO – Tuesday and Wednesday.
Environment, Jenn Delaney	Recycle Program collected \$95 last month. Next drop-off day is April 24 from 3:30PM-5:30PM.
Variety Show, Tina Budriss	Tomorrow is preview day for all acts.
Yearbook, Renee Marino	Yearbook is complete and being printed.
Mother's Day Sale, Jenn Delaney	Plants will be delivered on May 7. Volunteers are needed.
Father's Day Sale, Kristina Delaney	Kristina is going to pick out items for the sale tomorrow.
Field Day, Rich Hujik	Oranges are ordered.
Nominating Committee, Suzanne Farrell	<p>Discussion about which Bylaws should be used. It was decided that we would go by the old Bylaws for the election.</p> <p>The Nominating Committee presented the following slate:</p> <p>President – Mary Louise Cairo Vice President – Julie Siano Recording Secretary – Allison Reichel Corresponding Secretary – Gloria Monaco Council Delegate – Lesley Keane Treasurer – Jenn Delaney Historian – Kristina Delaney</p> <p>Donna Moran was nominated for President from the floor. Donna accepted the nomination. A ballot vote ensued where Donna received 15 votes and Mary Louise received 14 votes.</p> <p>Donna Moran will replace Mary Louise Cairo as president for 2009/2010. All other nominations stand.</p>

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30PM.