

**Oquenock PTA
General Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by PTA President Mary Louise Cairo at 9:26AM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. 24 members attended.

- President,
Mary Louise Cairo:** Mary Louise thanked Kristina Delaney for volunteering to chair the hospitality committee. The District's first Budget Worksession will take place on February 26 at 7:30PM. All are encouraged to attend. The Suffolk PTA Annual meeting is May 17. Flyers were distributed. A Long Island Education Rally will be held on February 28 in Farmingdale. Flyers were distributed. The PTA has been working with Mrs. Morrison to develop a new class parent program. The program is under discussion/development and may be rolled out as a 'pilot' program to one grade next year. Additional information on changes to the program will be presented at another time. The idea behind the changes is to allow more parental involvement in individual classrooms.
- Recording Secretary,
Allison Reichel:** Minutes from the last meeting were accepted as submitted.
- Treasurer,
Nicole Cassagnau:** Opening Balance of \$19,215.19 and an Ending Balance of \$16,726.54. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.
- Historian,
Diana McCarthy:** Not in attendance.
- Corresponding
Secretary,
Michelle Martinez:** Not in attendance.
- Council Delegate,
Lesley Keane:** The WICC Installation breakfast was very successful with 122 attendees. An Internet Safety seminar is scheduled for February 12. Substance Abuse Awareness week is listed incorrectly on the District-wide calendar. The actual dates are March 2 through March 8. The next blood drive will be held on March 2 in the HS Girl's Gym from 3:30-8:45PM. Class parents are encouraged to solicit blood donations. PAWS dinner/dance event honoring Ken Hartill and Cindy Galasso is scheduled for March 13 at 6:30PM at the Venetian Yacht Club. The Original Works program is underway and that students will begin their artwork soon. Landscaping Bricks will be sold through PAWS. Information is forthcoming.
- Principal,
Dawn Morrison:** Mrs. Morrison reported that February 24 and 27 are the new dates for the play. She thanked the PTA for the book fair and thanked the recycling team for their efforts. Family Bingo was wonderful. ELA tests have been scored and should be available by the end of the year. NYS Math grade 3-5 tests begin the first week of March. A speaker from Good Sam will soon speak on Stranger safety. Mr. Haas recently celebrated the Chinese New Year with his students. Spelling Bee Winners were announced. The next Character Education topic is Friendship, with a program evaluation planned for mid-March. Compass Awareness Night on Internet Safety is scheduled for February 12. On March 9, a seminar on food allergies will be held at Oquenock at 7:00PM. Playground installation is still incomplete, but looks to be on track for completion within the next month. Reports

Cards will go out soon and are available online. Mrs. Morrison attempted to clarify the class mom program changes and that they are trying to come up with a solid plan that will be presented to the general PTA.

Teacher Liaisons, Mrs. Bonkov and Mrs. Dragelin:	Teacher Liaisons were not in attendance.
Board of Education, Rich Hujik:	Not in attendance.
Membership, Lisa Rudolph:	Lisa Rudolph reported that a letter to encourage membership would be going out soon.
Ways and Means, Lesley Keane:	Lesley reported that Oquenock Nights @ Wendy's is tonight. 10% of all receipts to go back to the school.
Family Bingo, Gloria Monaco	Not in attendance.
Family Bowl, Demitria Gildard	Not in attendance.
Health and Wellness, Sharon Canarella	Not in attendance. Mary Louise reported that the Slim Goodbody Assembly is scheduled for March 12. The Fun Run/Walk is March 8. We are looking into a Isle's Day with the Islanders. More information will be made available soon.
Valentine Dance, Jean David	The dance was very successful and a good time was had by all.
Survey Committee, Jenn Delaney	317 surveys were mailed, twice. 54 were received back. Jenn Delaney briefly went over the results of the survey.
Founder's Day Committee, Suzanne Farrell:	Event to be held at the High School tomorrow night. Three tables are available for Oquenock attendees.
Book Fair	Book Fair today/tomorrow.
Ways and Means, Kristina Delaney	70's Dance to be held on April 3 from 8:00PM-12:00AM at the Hibernian Hall in Lindenhurst. A Save the Date flyer will be sent home soon. A planning meeting is scheduled for tonight at Kristina's house at 7:30PM. A cash bar with .50 cent drinks is planned and raffles will be available. Pricing is as follows: \$50/person or \$90/couple and \$35/teacher.
Environment, Jenn Delaney	Jennifer reported that the first \$.05 refundable cans and bottles day was very successful. We collected 1,553 bottles/cans for a total of \$88.15. We are looking into Grants for the program for next year.
PARP, Clair Weber	Claire reported that a Bon Voyage party with pizza is planned. Each Friday, one child per grade will receive a book. Each student will receive a \$5 gift card.
Yankee Candle, Kristina Delaney	Catalogues were distributed. We will receive 40% back on total order.
Yearbook, Renee Marino	Renee is still in need of photos of class specific/grade specific events.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40AM.	