

**Oquenock PTA  
General Meeting Minutes  
January 6, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by PTA President Mary Louise Cairo on January 6, 2009 at 7:43PM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. 20 members attended.

**President,  
Mary Louise Cairo:**

A motion was made to accept the revised Council Bylaws and they were accepted as submitted. PTA Training will take place on February 12 at the Candlewood Middle School in Dix Hills. A Legislative Workshop will be held on March 13. Oquenock PTA Bylaws meeting has been changed to January 21 at 7:15PM in room 200. Founder's Day event is on February 11 at the High School at 7:00PM. A sign-up sheet was distributed. The HS/MS fundraiser 'Summer Nights' will be held at Captain Bill's on January 24 at 7:00PM. The Parent Portal is ready and about to go online. Approximately 3,500 letters were sent out instructing each parent how to receive a unique login. There will be a link available on the homepage to the Parent Portal. A pre-prom raffle will be held at the next Board of Ed meeting. A Public Notice flyer of Budget Worksessions for the 2009/2010 budget was distributed. All are encouraged to attend. The possibility of increased class sizes at Oquenock was discussed and Mrs. Morrison explained how class size restrictions are contractually written.

**Recording Secretary,  
Allison Reichel:**

Minutes from the last meeting were accepted as submitted.

**Assistant  
Superintendent for  
Elementary Curriculum  
and Instruction,  
Dr. Parvey:**

Dr. Parvey reported that the district has purchased two new reading programs and that she is currently focused on enhancing literacy instruction. Dr. Parvey answered questions from the floor on the consistency and fairness of the enrichment selection process. Dr. Parvey stated that she is reviewing the qualification and assessment process of the program to ensure fairness and consistency of the qualification process and that this is a work in progress.

**Treasure,  
Nicole Cassagnau:**

Nicole Cassagnau was not in attendance. Mary Louise Cairo reported an Opening Balance of \$12,788.29 and an Ending Balance of \$15,145.89. The Treasure's Report was accepted as submitted.

**Historian,  
Diana McCarthy:**

Diana McCarthy continues to request any and all photos for both herself and for the Yearbook Committee.

**Principal,  
Dawn Morrison:**

Mrs. Morrison reported that the school-wide sing-along and Santa visit was very popular. The new playground construction is temporarily on hold due to the weather. It is expected to be completed by the end of January. A Compass Awareness Night on Internet Safety is scheduled for February 12. Detective Connelly will speak and it is to be held in the PJB auditorium. Information on this event will be sent home soon. The recycling program started Monday. Each class will recycle throughout the week. 5<sup>th</sup> graders will collect the recycling weekly, and have it weighed so that the Shared Decision Making team can track progress. The next Character Education topic is Honesty. The program will be evaluated in March. ELA testing begins next week.

**Teacher Liaison,  
Michelle Bonkov:**

Mrs. Bonkov extended thanks for the holiday craft.

<b>Board of Education, Rich Hujik:</b>	Not in attendance.
<b>Membership, Lisa Rudolph:</b>	217 members. Reminder that class parents need current PTA membership cards.
<b>Ways and Means, Lesley Keane:</b>	Oquenock Nights @ Wendy's on 231 is February 10 from 5:00-7:30PM. Oquenock will receive 10% of sales. A flyer with additional information will be made available soon.
<b>Giving Tree, Mary Louise Cairo:</b>	The Giving Tree project collected \$340 from Oquenock families to aide local families in need.
<b>ByLaws: Sharon Cannarella</b>	A special meeting concerning revisions to the bylaws and rational behind those revisions will be held on January 21.
<b>Family Bingo, Gloria Monaco</b>	Ticket requests went home yesterday. \$25 gift cards from local retailers will be distributed to Bingo winters. Volunteers are needed. A sign-up sheet was distributed.
<b>Family Bowl, Demitria Gildard</b>	Not in attendance.
<b>Health and Wellness, Sharon Canarella</b>	Fight Fat Tuesday will be February 24. PTA is requesting two male volunteers from each class to participate. Flyers will be distributed soon. The Slim Goodbody Assembly is scheduled for March 12. The Fun Run/Walk is March 8. We are looking into getting matching hats for each Oquenock participant.
<b>Valentine Dance, Jean David</b>	The dance is scheduled to take place on February 6. A price increase was requested. An Executive Board meeting will be held to determine a new price. The committee will ask 5 <sup>th</sup> grade parents to donate juice and water.
<b>Book Fair, Anna Vaughan</b>	The book fair will be held on February 10 and February 11.
<b>Ways and Means, Kristina Delaney</b>	70's Dance will be held on April 3 from 8:00PM-12:00AM at the Hibernian Hall in Lindenhurst. Volunteers are needed.
<b>Environment, Jenn Delaney</b>	Flyer about the \$.05 refundable cans and bottles program will go home soon. Collection dates will be 1/31, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25. Only 25 PTA Survey's have been returned. The survey will be sent out again with a reminder notice, and the results will be made available in February.
<b>Yearbook, Renee Marino</b>	23 pizza's were ordered during Oquenock Nights at Anthony's Pizza. \$69 was raised to be applied to reducing the cost of the yearbook.
<b>New Business</b>	Jenn Delaney proposed an alternative way of managing the class parent role in the school. She will prepare and present her ideas at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00PM.