

This meeting was called to order at 7:45PM. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mary Lousie Cairo, President's Report – Mary Louise reported that Dr. Blau announced that there are 5,037 children enrolled in West Islip schools. There are 57 new children in Kindergarten and 1st Grade. There are several new hires in the district. There were two Merit scholarship finalists and two Long Island scholar mentions. There were seven All-State musicians, and the Literacy Club at the High School has been revamped and is making a literacy magazine. An article concerning math and ELA results was published; those scores were from 2006-2007 for only 4th and 8th graders. A flyer distributed at the meeting offers complete, correct results. Everyone is asked to please fill out their census card. There will be a second mailing. Payscale online is available for lunch. They are looking into including snack and field trips on this site. The construction bond was passed, it was sent to the state yesterday, and will be approved in 26 weeks. We should have the work done on the school by this summer, including a new driveway, playground, and whatever else was in the bond for Oquenock. Oquenock will offer two scholarships at the high school level for \$750 a piece. PTA will be sponsoring Oquenock Nights as a new fundraiser this year.

Michelle Martinez, Corresponding Secretary's Report -- thank you notes from Laura Erups for scholarship. Thank you note from Troop 3163. Thank you from Marie DeMarco for library donations. Thank you from Mrs. Wallace for retirement recognition. Thank you from 1st grade teachers for Pet Den. Thank you from Ellen Quaglia for scholarship night.

Nicole Cassannau, Treasure's Report --- Audit Report. Balance on hand was 11820.72. The checking account balance on hand at the close of the school year was 5121.59. The audit report was accepted. June budget questions were answered. June working summer budget was accepted as submitted. The new budget for September was submitted. A question about the breakdown of the Arts & Ed budget was asked. It was suggested we look at the programs and prices and then determine how much we will spend at a later date. Motion to accept by Jill Delaney. Second by Jeannie Rocchio. The budget was adopted as submitted.

Mary Louise, Membership Report – Membership cards are available for purchase. “Give a High Five to the PTA” is the theme this year. We would like to promote the idea of teamwork.

Mary Louise, Historian Report – Historian, Diana McCarthy could not be here. Opening day went well. Please send in pictures for the PTA bulletin board located in the front hall between the main office and the nurse. The board will highlight PTA activities and events as well as pictures.

Lesley Keane, Council Delegate's Report – There is a nominations and elections meeting next month for council. They are looking for a recording secretary. They are also looking for someone to do Reflections. New health regulations are in effect. There is a flyer available for the new dental records. Doctors are now required to include BMI on physical reports. In reference to the playground Mary Louise mentioned, the BOE is looking for input and suggests from the community for Oquenock and Bayview playgrounds. Wireless access is being installed in all buildings.

Mrs. Morrison, Principal's Report – welcome to a new school year. We had a great opening. The teachers were in the week before school started and the first day went smoothly. Things are going well in the building these first few weeks. Thank you for the PTA Kindergarten walk-throughs and the Character Ed materials. Thank you also for the window painting and for all the parental input and suggestions for walker/pickup circle. Thank you to teachers and parents as assessment scores were up 2-4%. Character Ed program is in its initial stages. Teachers are implementing programs each month. Students will win awards each month and have their name displayed on a tree. The program will be evaluated mid and end of year. Mrs. Morrison encourages people to submit ideas and comments about the program. Mrs. Morrison also encourages parents to communicate with her about issues or concerns that parents may have so that they can work together to solve them.

Mrs. Dragelin, Teacher Liason – thank you for breakfast on first day of school.

Mrs. Hollinger, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Sanford, WISE Program – thank you for support of the WISE program. All programs are designed to support our students with enrichment and enhancement of existing and new curriculum. The program is designed to help facilitate authentic learning, focusing on local programs. They went over the program in detail about how it is implemented throughout the district and gave examples of lessons, field trips, and programs that they create and support. They will send materials and brochures home. There are also attachments on eBoards. They will send home letters on how to access eBoards. There are Geography clubs at each school that are designed to prepare the students for the National Geographic Bee. The PTA provided gift certificates for first through third winners last year. Their office is located in Oquenock. Mrs. Robinson is the challenge enrichment facilitator; this is a pull-out program that addresses the needs of the students that have been recognized as high-potential. Children are evaluated each year. Information about the Challenge Program is accessible from the district website. Ninety kids were chosen from the district for 2008-2009. Approximately six children were selected from Oquenock. Teachers complete forms about individual students to initiate the process for getting students accepted. The membership had concerns about how the students were selected for the program and whether or not the selection program was unbiased. Mrs. Robinson recommended contacting the program director or herself with specific questions or concerns about their child. Mrs. Sandford pushes in to classrooms once per week for Spanish Enrichment grades K-3.

Mary Louise Cairo, Reflections Report -- Rules are located in the Main Office. Questions can be directed to Lee Moelendorf.

Gina Shaw, Box Tops for Education – a letter will be sent home soon about the program. Box Tops should be sent in in an envelope with the teacher's name on it. A contest will be held for each classroom 3-4 times during the year. Box Tops goal is \$600 this year.

Mary Louise Cairo, Campbell Soup Labels and Scholarship -- We are also going to be doing Campbell Soup Labels. Diane Scholesser will chair that and send additional information. Scholarship – fundraiser books for gift wrap and gift items will go out tomorrow. Checks must be made out to WI Council of PTA.

Rocket Readers – program information will be sent home soon. Students are encouraged to read 25 books.

Fall Festival, Karen DiStefano and Kristina Delaney – volunteers are needed!! This event will replace the Moonlight Bowl. Weather permitting, it will be held in the courtyard. If not, it will be held in the gym. Local businesses are encouraged to donate. Ring toss, ducks in the water, fish pond (no live fish – coupon for BTJ's) mystery in the box, basketball toss, football throw, penny toss, scavenger hunt, tong for apples, face painting, sand art, homemade baked goods and jams are just a few of the activities/goodies that are planned. A DJ has been hired who will donate give-aways. The event will run from 6-9PM. The West Islip Fire Department is bringing a light truck and will conduct a Fire Safety program. Tickets may be sold at the door depending on total headcount numbers. Food will be sold to adults only. Prizes will be available for children.

Julie Siano, Baker's Dozen will help with the pies and desserts for the Fall Festival.

Mary Louise Cairo, Buld Fundraiser will go out the week of the 29th. It is planned that bulbs will be given to each classroom so that the students can plant them. Mrs. Morrison mentioned that construction projects might impede planting so that we should hold off, or refrain from planting in the front of the school.

By-Laws, Sharon Cannarella/Julie Siano are meeting on Thursday. They have collected by-laws from other units.

Class Pictures, Kathleen Gagliardi/Ellen Connor are currently set up for October 6. Pictures will be done in one of the indoor recess rooms. A flyer will be forthcoming.

Pumpkin Sale, Lesley Keene – will be October 24. Lesley will be calling for help.

Blood Drive, Allison Reichel – the first drive is October 27 at Westbrook. Flyers are forthcoming.

Septa, Jeannine Rocchio – SEPTA Bowling is March 7. Their Play is April 1.

Health and Wellness, Sharon Cannarella – Sharon is working with Mrs. Morrison on making the program a year-round event that includes daily themes. Sharon encourages more participation in the walk this year.

Spirit Wear, Lesley Keane – Spirit Wear will kick off in October with the same products and some new ones. We may do it twice this year.

Bedtime Stories are November 21. An all Dr. Seuss night is planned. Snacks will be Dr. Seuss themed. Awards will be given. Parent workshop will take place in the cafeteria. Information will be forthcoming.

Class Parents, Elizabeth Minicozzi/Clare Weber – Announcement of class parents. Three classes only have two class mothers. A flyer will go out to those three classes asking for people to re-volunteer for the position.

Class Parents are:

Kindergarten

Mrs. Howard

Kathleen Takats
Jill Delaney
Juanita Carter

Mrs. Lutz

Nicole Cassagnau
Margaret Ostrowski
Michelle Powell

Mrs. Hudson

Terese Ostrove
Gina Shaw
Joann DeAntonio

1st

Mrs. Gallo

Donna Moran
Clare Weber
Kelly Wood

Mrs. Dragelin

Renee Marino
Liz Magliaro
Jeannie Schweitzer

Mrs. Bonkov

Nicole Brickman
Jennifer Delaney
Natasha Moutauredes

2nd

Mrs. Greene

Lesley Keane
Julie Siano
Sue Sesto

Mrs. Conentino

Lisa Rudolph
Debbie Sawina
Jodi DiJennaro

Mrs. Villez

Christina Fucci
Kathleen Gagliardi
Maureen Schneider

3rd

Mrs. Schmidt

Jeannie Rocchio
Georgianna Ruotolo

Mr. Haas

Eileen Hohorst
Goldie McBride

4th

Mrs. Macchione

Jeanine Cullen
Ellen Morruzzi
Laura Lagonigo

Mr. Pekurney

Tracy Zufall
Suzanne Farrell
Nanci-Jean DeNapoli

Mrs. Parson

Donna Minieri
Elizabeth Minicozzi
Lori Kelly

5th

Mrs. Heaton

Debbie Rucci
Ellen Conner
Jean David

Mr. Osburn

Lee Moellendorf
Diana McCarthy
Mary Pellicane

Meeting adjourned @ 9:10PM.