

PTA Meeting Minutes February 10, 2021 at 7:00pm

Welcome/ Announcements (Sheree Weingarten)

Thank you everyone for attending on ZOOM today. It's good to "see" you all!

We want to welcome our speaker for this evening, Dr. Urmilla Pai, child and adolescent psychiatrist. The topic for her presentation is "Resilience in Kids."

The Seaman PTA has continued to be VERY busy and doing amazing things while thinking outside of the box! It's so exciting!! Thank you to everyone for your amazing ideas, hard work, and dedication!

Just in case you were unable to attend the last Board of Education meeting, effective July 1, 2021 the official name of our school will be The Jeffrey Ratner Robert Seaman Elementary School. After speaking to Dr. Sherman, we will slowly transition into our new school name and update all that is necessary on our end as a PTA.

Please start to consider if would like to run for a position on our executive board for the upcoming school year. In addition to the positions, we are looking for new members of the executive board. A google doc will be emailed to you. Please return it back with your selections.

Secretary's Report (Stephanie Richman)

The next Board of Education Meeting is Thursday, March 25th at 7:15pm.

Our next PTA Meeting is a joint meeting with SEPTA on March 10, 2021 at 7pm. Their speaker and zoom link will be emailed as the date approaches.

Treasurer's Report (Emily Wachtel)

All accounts are in great standing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Box Tops: Please continue to scan your Box Tops receipts and use your Shoprite Club cards to earn money for our school. If you plan to shop for Valentine's Day, consider shopping on Amazon Smile and registering your account to benefit the PTA.

Community Service: Love By Giving is collecting new and gently used stuffed animals for the elderly in time for Valentine's Day. Next up is Love Together Brasil which will collect new and gently used pajamas for underprivileged children in NYC. You can also make a monetary donation on MemberHub to go towards purchasing pajamas if you do not have any to donate.

Sunshine: Valentine's chocolate boxes for our teachers were given out by the PTA.

Fifth Grade Committee: DJ chef virtual coking lesson will be on February 25th at 5pm. The Valentine's Day sale closed on January 29th and chocolate bombs, spoons and

reusable cups are being delivered to students tomorrow. Remote students can pick up their orders from 9am-2pm at the front office. The next ices sale will be March 26th so lookout for the order form.

Fifth Grade Yearbook: Baby pictures are currently being collected. The yearbook is due April 15th.

Health and Safety: Healthy cooking videos are ongoing and the committee is now working on the Community Read-In and Read-A-Thon which will take place February 22-26. The class on each grade level that reads the most minutes during the week will get an ice cream celebration on February 26th. Community Read-In will be virtual. Invitations have gone out and we are gathering responses. A flyer will be distributed.

Fundraising: Paint "night" will be on Friday, March 12 (there is no school because of parent-teacher conferences). It will be broken into two sessions: 11:00am for grades K-2 (easy ability level) and 1:00pm for grades 3-5 (more intermediate ability). All proceeds go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in honor of two Seaman graduates battling illness. Please consider donating on MemberHub in addition to attending the painting event. The PTA will be matching the funds raised.

SEPTA: SEPTA had a meeting with the Middle School on January 25th featuring Caryl Oris, psychiatrist. The fabulous presentation was on teens and children struggling with COVID, depression, and sadness.

Sweatshirt: A few items have been delayed and will be delivered as soon as they are received. Those who ordered a swell bottle will be reimbursed as we are unable to get the bottles.

Dr. Sherman's Report:

The staff is trying to add more fun, educational virtual activities for the kids.

Report cards will be out March 9th.

The multicultural fair will take place at the end of May and will be virtual.

March 1st will start the Hero Squad (formerly Pennies for Patients) collection by 4th and 5th graders benefitting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.