

Remsenburg-Speonk Elementary School



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Parent Teacher Organization

Remsenburg-Speonk PTO General Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 7, 2019

Attendees: Jen Bigora, Kathleen Hofmann, Susan Baker, John Barry, Lauren Andria, Denise Sullivan, Rachele Bongiovi, Marisa Michalowski, Danielle Russo Cronin, LJ Hanechak

- Guest Speaker, Bonnie Anderson, MS, of Suffolk County Health Department came to give presentation on “*Dangers of Vaping*”. She also gave a similar presentation earlier in the day to all 5th and 6th grade students. The presentation was left with administration for anyone who would like to see it. Additional resources she offered and encouraged parents to view are: www.tobaccofreekids.org, www.health.ny.gov/NoVape, www.truthinitiative.org
- Call to Order 6:45pm, Approval of October 3, 2019 minutes by Marisa Michalowski and Kathleen Hofmann
- President’s Report
 - **Halloween Recap** - \$391.82 of the \$400 was spent. Party entailed festive games, a sensory table, deejay by RSE parent John Caputo, 6th grade Spooky Walk was a Haunted Forest theme and was very well done. Pizza was ordered by Mary’s Pizza for \$9/pie, thanks for their support. Note that for future years, suggest to look at the WHB football schedule, do not have it on their homecoming night as no highschool volunteers were available. Donations of nut-free desserts were a big hit, needed extra mini water bottles. Thanks for Virginia Maag & Jen Bigora for co-chairing the event.
 - **Pawcasso Paint Night** – November 15th, 5:30-7pm, supporting RSE Adopt-A-Family, currently 37 signed up, 10 of the 37 are parents. Cost is \$35 for first child, \$30 for any additional students, \$35 per adult. Sign-ups will be available through the week leading up to the event, and walk-ins will be welcome at \$40/each. Jen Bigora is the chairperson for this event. Pawcasso earns \$15 per sign-up, PTO retains profit.
 - **Holiday Story & Gingerbread Night** – December 6th, 6-7:30pm, Danielle Cronin, Chairperson, looking for volunteers. Flyer went home in backpacks. Combining Holiday Story Night and Gingerbread Event into one “Family Festive Fun Night”. Looking for donations of trays of holiday cookies as a snack, will also serve hot cocoa, coffee and waters for kids. Looking for highschool volunteers.
 - PTO wishes Mrs. Martin a happy retirement and has shared a note of gratitude with gift for her many years of service at RSE.
 - Our PTO needs YOU! Need to begin the search for candidates for the upcoming PTO Board as all positions will be open in May. Ideally would like to have interested parents from grades K-4 please reach out to any current board member to learn more. Per PTO by-laws, executive board positions are 2-year terms. Any 5th grade parents interested in helping for 1 year may apply as well to co-chair a position. Shadowing current positions will help ensure a smooth transition.
- Vice President’s Report
 - Halloween Candy Buy Back/Letters to Soldiers raised approximately \$50 at \$1 per pound of candy. Students made cards during class time to send with candy for the soldiers. Program affiliated with Bach Grazina Orthodontics, thank you for your support.
- Treasurer’s Report
 - Re-ordered 500 checks 10/28/19, double signature required.

- Corresponding Secretary's Report
 - Thank you correspondence has been sent to advertisers/supporters of our Calendar Directory
- Committee Chair's Reports:
 - Membership – no update
 - Special Ed Liaison – no update
 - Fundraising – no update
 - Box Tops – Paula Hinck - \$48.70 check is coming from Fall box top clippings being mailed in
 - Class Rep Reports/Comments – no update
 - Healthy Options – Oct – roasted corn and GF pumpkin banana muffins served with K-kid parents. Josh gave overview of HO and shared that they are welcome to come and join in the needs of preparing and serving if they have any time. Reach out to Josh Berger for information; 1st grade parents welcome on Friday, November 22nd
- Teacher Liaison's Report
- Superintendent/Principal's Report – Mrs Sullivan is settling into her new role at RSE and really enjoying the community here. She is looking forward to the Thanksgiving Day Feast.
- **Next PTO Meeting is Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6pm** with Guest Speaker: Mrs. Lauren Andria, Science & Engineering Fair Prep and Literacy & Music in Our Schools Month Q&A
- No meeting in December
- Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm