

Meeting Minutes
Hewitt PTA Meeting
September 15, 2016

- The meeting was called to order

- Pledge of Allegiance

- Quorum Count

- June 2016 meeting minutes were approved

- RVC Board of Education - Trustee Welcome - Liz Dion and Mayda Kramer
 - The BOE is here to serve the district, District meetings are twice a month
 - If you have questions or concerns, please email boe@rvcschools.org or lizdion@verizon.net, the BOE is always looking for input

- Mrs. Pryke - Principal's Report
 - Thank you for coming and thank you to her staff for coming to show their support
 - Mrs. Pryke introduced the teachers that were present at the meeting

- Tara Hackett-Opening remarks and welcome
 - Welcome to the 1st PTA meeting of the 2016-2017 school year
 - Introduction of Co-President - Laura Altman
 - Tara Hackett - Co-President
 - Laura Altman - Co-President
 - Melissa Livingston - First VP
 - Kristine Iandiorio - Second VP

- Brianda Mennella - Third VP
- Sharon Morin - Fourth VP
- Christine Jackson - Recording Secretary
- Lauren Mullaney - Corresponding Secretary
- Katie Rockafort - Treasurer
- Jennifer Marmorale & Stephanie Chatoff - Delegates of Council
- Keith O'Connell - Alternate Delegate
- Mrs. Pryke and Nadia Grey - Advisors
- Reviewed upcoming events
 - Bicycle Safety Day 9/13
 - First ice cream day 9/21
 - Picture Day 9/15
 - Book Fair begins 9/27
 - Hewitt Fair 10/16 - biggest fundraiser of the year
- Tara went through all of the PTA school committee chairs for the school year
- Thank you to all Committee chairs from last year
- Please continue to contribute your time during the school year
- Last year box tops proceeds were used to buy indoor/outdoor recess equipment including a volleyball net
- The summer reading program was a success - Thank you to Mrs. Broderick
- SEP Committee - Liz Mullen is an advocate for the students
- Boys night out is this year
- President's Report - PTA Co-President - Laura Altman
 - Introduction
 - Thank you to Tara Hackett
 - Thank you for coming to the meeting
 - There have been many renovations District wide

- Renovations to the science room, greenhouse, library and bathrooms at the High School look spectacular
 - There will be a tour of the High School on October 19th
 - Work being done at Hewitt consist of a new storage area for the lunch tables, new classroom for the RISE program, a/c working in all classrooms, gym a/c is in progress
 - Thank you to the custodians
 - Incoming Kindergarten class has been granted a 4th section
- Mrs. Pryke - Principal's Report
 - Loves working with the PTA
 - There are currently 464 students
 - RISE program - Reaching individual success everyday
 - Kindergarten-76 students in four classes
 - 1st grade-70 students in three classes
 - 2nd grade-66 students in three classes
 - 3rd grade- 78 students in four classes
 - 4th grade- 85 students in four classes
 - 5th grade-89 students in four classes
 - Drop off/pick up notes
 - Safety is the main concern
 - Hoping to get another crossing guard
 - The driveway is closed from 8:40 to 9:15 and 3:00 to 3:40
 - Arrival time is 8:50, be prompt, if late check in with the nurse
 - Please call sick hotline 393-5202 with a brief message if your child will be absent
 - When returning to school after an absence bring in a note
 - Please send in a note in your child's backpack if there are changes to your child's pick up plan
 - Project Great - before and after school care 7:00am-6:30pm - Mr. Duffy

- Back to School night is Tuesday, September 27th
 - 6:30 2nd and 3rd Grades
 - 7:10 4th and 5th Grades
 - 7:50 Kindergarten and 1st Grade
- Fire/Bus drills
 - Hewitt has had 1 drill so far, must complete 6 more before 12/1
 - Hewitt will also practice lockdown drills
- Assessments are based on the following:
 - Teacher feedback
 - NWEA - formal assessments given 3x a year (Fall, Winter, Spring)
 - NYSELA-formal assessments for Grades 3-5
- Birthday celebrations — no food allowed, be creative bring a book or craft
- Star of the Week - no food allowed
- Class Parties - food allowed to be brought in since it's a planned party
- Next PTA Meeting is October 6th at 7:30 pm in the Library

- Katie Rockafort, Treasurer
 - Presented budget for 2016-2017
 - Motion to approve budget, budget was approved

- Melissa Livingston, First VP
 - Please consider helping at the Teacher's luncheons on 12/9 & 3/24

- Kristine Iandiorio-Hewitt Fair
 - October 16th from 11-4 (rain date October 23rd)
 - Biggest fundraiser of the year
 - Parent involvement is essential to the fair's success
 - Need stuffed animal donations

- Sign up help at the fair on Back to School Night
- Please donate \$5 for a class gift basket

- Tara Hackett - Main areas to help with Gift Baskets for the fair
 - Merchant solicitations
 - Personal Donations
 - Supplies-new condition baskets, ribbons, tissue paper

- Sharon Morin -Fundraising
 - RVC chair and umbrella fundraiser is currently going on now, orders are due by 9/28
 - Charleston wrap, coming in October

- AIM (Arts in Motion) - Christine Ferazani and Kelly Iacobellis
 - Drama club will attend Willy Wonka play in NYC
 - Frog and Toad - 1st Grade
 - Charlotte's Web- 2nd Grade
 - Anne Frank - 5th Grade
 - Woodlands, musical math
 - Bat encounter - 2nd Grade
 - Number drummer - Kindergarten
 - Hofstra Museum - 3rd Grade
 - Looking for a science based program — if anyone has any leads

- Liz Mullen- SEP Report
 - Dr. Leahy will give a special presentation on 10/17
 - Sensory friendly movie at the Library on 10/21
 - Coffee and Chair meeting at SSMS Library on 10/25

- Next Meeting, 10/6 @ 7:30pm in the Library, you will be entered in a door prize raffle
- Meeting Adjourned