

Meeting Minutes  
Hewitt PTA Meeting  
October 11, 2018

- The meeting was called to order/sign-in
- Quorum Count - sufficient for a vote
- September minutes approved
- Marleen Maccone – PTA President’s Report
  - Welcome message
  - Picture Day – went very smoothly thanks to Dana Brancaccio. Retake is on 10/25.
  - Bicycle Safety – Thank you to Diana Broegg for making it a success.
    - Note about Bicycle safety – Hewitt PTA helps to coordinate Bicycle Safety day. Bicycle Safety Day is a district initiative in collaboration with the RVC Police Department to inform children of the importance of bicycle safety. Since our PTA is in a support role for this event, please direct all questions to the Rec Center 516-678-9238 and/or the RVC Police Department 516-766-1500.
  - Hewitt PTA theme for this year is unity – within our community and with other schools.
    - For example, Literacy committees – PARP, Reflections, Book Fair, Summer reading all have common type of theme.
- Christopher Acheson – President of RVC Chamber of Commerce
  - Hewitt PTA is now working in partnership with the RVC COC to build fundraising opportunities.
  - The RVC Chamber of Commerce is made up of for- and not-for-profit businesses that must reside in Rockville Centre. Currently there are approximately 200 members.
  - Each business must pay a membership fee to join.
  - Upcoming event is Eat.Shop.Rock.
    - Hewitt PTA is welcome to join by opening a table at Eat.Shop.Rock. and selling spirit wear to help make money for the PTA.
  - COC has collaborated with the Hewitt PTA to create a sponsorship program at the Hewitt Fair for 2018. This effort has raised \$4,500 for our PTA in 5 days.
  - Other possible COC sponsored events: Shopping Night/Day Out (idea is that 1 day per month would be specific for Hewitt PTA and a % of proceeds from sales would go toward the Hewitt PTA)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers Presentation of “Must Reads” Program (Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Glass, Ms. Linker, Ms. Whelan)
  - Listing of Books that 5<sup>th</sup> graders find special and memorable
  - Book reviews for kids, by kids
  - Currently in paper format, hoping for electronic in future
  - Hoping to expand to all grades at Hewitt

- Display of Must Read selections at RVC Library
- Helped build a love of reading in students that didn't previously enjoy reading books
- Sparks excitement for literacy
- Created new book clubs and discussions
  
- Mrs. Pryke – Principal's Message
  - Lost and Found is overflowing, please check for items that may belong to your children
  - Ashokan parent info meeting will be on 10/16 at 7pm. All paperwork due by 10/30. Trip will be 11/14-16 for a cost of \$290 per student. Depart at 6:45 AM.
  - A child fell and injured his head while climbing at tree at Hewitt. Please keep children from climbing trees and rough housing.
  - Halloween Parade
    - Permission slip sent home
    - 11:45am-1:15pm lunch/dress-up
    - Do not dress-up before school
    - Return with costume on at 1:15 if going home – dismissal from regular door
    - Please submit permission slip so school can plan for who will/will not go home.
    - No violent/bloody themes
    - Please donate gently used costumes
  - New Crossing Guard at DeMott and Hempstead named Dino
    - Hewitt needs more than 1 crossing guard – stay tuned for more information on how parents can help.
  
- Katie Rocafort – President's Report
  - School Safety –
    - Auto ID readers installed
    - RVC PD has a computer for immediate surveillance of school and access to doors in real time
    - RAVE Panic Button
      - Digital panic button application on teacher cell phones. Once pushed teachers can receive updates on emergency efforts
      - Pinpoints location of teacher
      - Can contact emergency without having to speak
      - Only works on school grounds
  
- Treasurer's report
  - Internal Audit result – everything found to be in good order
  - Information as of 9/30/2018
  - Bank Account: \$9,419.28
  - Money Market: \$8,665.38
  - Other assets: \$7,950.00
  - Total Assets: \$26,034.66
  - Income (7/1/16-9/30/18): \$364.36
  - Expenses: \$7,648.42
  - Net Income: \$(7,284.06)

- Executive Board Reports
  - SEP – Marleen Maccone for Gina Bounds
    - Important issue: the SEP community representatives are concerned that the District’s advanced curriculum is not appropriate for Special Education Children. Please join us at the BOE meeting on 10/17 to appeal to the board. Please wear Navy blue in support of SEP.
  - Hewitt Fair – Liz Marshall
    - All ready to go
    - Gratitude to everyone for assistance
    - Weather report looks good
    - New Chairs needed for next year
  
- Resolutions:
  - Retentions – renewals, keep as written
    - Result of vote: move in favor of Retention Items 1-20
  - Updates – revised to maintain accuracy (in wording)
    - Result of vote: move in favor of Update Items 1-6
  - Rescissions – can be retired – no longer relevant – archived to NY state historical records
    - Result of vote: move in favor of Rescission Item 1
  - Vote of Confidence result: move in favor
  
- Next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday 11/15 @9:15am
  
- Dates to Remember:
  - 10/14 - Hewitt Fair
  - 10/16 - Ashokan Meeting
  - 10/17 – BOE Meeting
  - 10/25 - Picture retake day
  - 10/31 - Halloween Parade
  - 11/6 and 11/12 - School Closed
  - 11/14-11/16 – Ashokan Trip
  
- Meeting Adjourned