

Meeting Minutes
Hewitt PTA Meeting
November 15, 2018

- The meeting was called to order/sign-in
- Quorum Count - sufficient for a vote
- October minutes approved
- Carolyn from NY Blood Center
 - NY Blood Center is the #1 blood supply to NY hospitals
 - Annual Blood and Toy drive to be held at Hewitt on Saturday December 1st
 - In order to donate you must be present, in good general health, fed and hydrated
 - If you believe you can not donate please come down anyway to double check
 - Every drop counts
- Mrs. Broderick – Reading Programs, Assessments and Interventions at Hewitt
 - “How Hewitt Learns to Read” - Everyone reads differently There are multiple programs, assessments and interventions at Hewitt for varying needs
 - Assessments:
 - NWEA – administered to all grades in Fall, Winter and Spring
 - Assessment is read to the student in grades K-2 and then in 3-5 self read, results are used to improve instructions and track growth
 - Foundations Intervention Placement
 - For K-2 administered in Fall and Spring, provides reading placement for the Foundations program
 - Early Literacy Profile (ELP) – Rhyming Assessment
 - Administered in kindergarten, given in fall – provides quick assessment on child’s ability to rhyme
 - Rigby Benchmark
 - Administered to grades K-5 throughout the school year
 - Quick access to identify student’s independent reading ability
 - Ex of grade level correspondence: Level 1 – Jan of Kindergarten, Level 4 – Beginning of 1st grade, Level 17 – Beginning of 2nd grade, Level 29 – 5th grade
 - Qualitative Reading Inventory (QRI)
 - For grades 2nd and up – informal reading inventory of child’s reading level
 - Assesses if child is reading at grade level and areas of difficulty
 - Placement Tests for Reading Mastery
 - For all grades (At-risk students)
 - Determines student’s initial placement of reading mastery
 - Placement Tests for Corrective Reading
 - For all grades (At-risk students)

- Determines student's initial placement for corrective reading program
 - Wilson Assessment of Decoding and Encoding (WADE)
 - For students using the Wilson reading program
 - Administered as a pre- and post-test
 - Word Identification Spelling Test (WIST)
 - For at-risk students
 - Normed and standardized
 - Reading Programs at Hewitt:
 - Guided Reading every other day
 - Guided Reading Teachers:
 - Gr K-1 – Mrs. Broderick
 - Gr 2 – Mrs. Bauer
 - Gr 3-4 – Mrs. Osbourne
 - Gr 5 – Mrs. Jay
 - Academic support teachers for each grade as well
 - Ex: Kindergarten and 1st : “Stop, Think and Read” strategies
 - Foundations: Letters, letter sounds, decoding, encoding
 - Zoo Phonics: Multi sensory language arts program, kinesthetic/multimodal approach. Has made a big difference for kindergarteners
 - LLI : Fountas and Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention. Used in AIS, helps with fluency
 - Reading Mastery – scripted approach used in AIS
 - Reading A to Z: Raz kids app on devices
 - Junior Great Books: Shared inquiry method
 - Wilson Reading Program: New this year for high risk children that are reading disabled. Helps with encoding and decoding.
 - Must Reads: home grown, books recommended by kids for kids with book reviews by students themselves.
 - Summer Reading Triathlon: Developed by Mrs. Broderick, themed summer reading, 3 books over the summer with reading log, 3 nights of reading on the lawn at Hewitt
- Mrs. Bauer for Mrs. Pryke – Principal's Message
 - Ashokan update – everyone is doing great and slept through the night; no snow as of yet but 4-8 inches is expected. Schedule has been adjusted so that outdoor activities were done prior to snow arriving. There are seatbelts in the bus for the way home. Bus will not leave until after snow is over and it is safe. 5th grade parents will be kept posted of any changes.
 - 4th grade gym night was a success
 - Halloween parade a big success – thank you to RVC Police Department for presence at each corner
 - Reminder: Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in the evenings on 12/12 and 12/19 and during the day on 12/14 and 12/21
 - Half days for P/T conferences on 12/14 and 12/21
 - Red Ribbon week – various activities, Kindergarten and 5th grade planted bulbs
 - Student council elections going on this week – tallies will be taken next week (all grades vote for officers, 3rd and 4th grades vote for respective reps).

- Katie Rocafort – President’s Report
 - Social and Mental Health initiative
 - State mandated, to provide instruction on mental health. Push to identify and avoid mental health issues.
 - District is implementing social and emotional programs.
 - Currently we use the Stamford Harmony program at the Elementary level.
 - Looking to engage families
 - Big Issue: screen time habits; direct correlation with adolescent depression and suicide attempts
 - Dr. Leahy now pushing the “Wait for 8th” agenda (encouraging parents to wait until at least 8th grade before giving students smartphones/social media access
 - Hewitt PTA will roll out a Social and Emotional committee in January focusing on kindness, mindfulness, compassion, and empathy
 - SEP Concerns – SEP Parents looking for options to current curriculum at the high school level
 - Asking ALL parents to come to the BOE meeting on 12/5 at 7:30 pm as SSHS
 - Hewitt PTA has joined the RVC chamber of commerce
 - Hewitt shops the rock event on 11/20 – flyer with participating businesses (10% of proceeds given back to Hewitt PTA when flyer is shown upon purchase)
 - Amazon – on Hewitt PTA website, click link to shop at Amazon (Hewitt earns rewards)
 - Stay tuned for 12 days of shopping

- Treasurer’s report
 - Hewitt Fair: 39,898.00 Income; 11,105.86 Expenses to date; 28,792.14 Current Profit
 - Information as of 10/31/2018
 - Bank Account: \$50,463.25
 - Money Market: \$8,668.23
 - Other assets: \$3,535.00
 - Total Assets: \$62,666.48
 - Income (7/1/16-10/31/18): \$50,331.48
 - Expenses: \$20,813.59
 - Net Income: \$29,517.89

- Executive Board Reports
 - Kristine Iandiorio – Teacher Luncheon will be on 12/21, 5th grade parents to donate desserts and fruit, other donations will be requested via My School Anywhere signup

- Committee Reports
 - AIM – Christine Ferazani
 - Chris Pulist - BMX Bike Champ came to Hewitt to give speech and show tricks. Kids loved it.

- Charlotte's Web booked for 2nd graders
 - Marion Blumenthal Lazan booked for 5th graders
 - Holocaust survivor and author of Four Perfect Pebbles
 - Combining with Riverside this year
 - Parents will be invited this year
 - Anne Frank play booked for 5th grade
 - Aladdin Broadway play booked for 4th grade (fully funded by PTA)
 - Math Magical booked for kindergarten
 - Earth Prehistoric Aquarium booked for 3rd grade (meet cast backstage included)
 - Drug and Alcohol Committee- Katie Rocafort for Jen Bohan
 - Journey to Recovery event on 11/27 at 7pm at SSHS – for grades 6 and up and all parents; Free event but tickets are required
- December PTA meeting will be informal and held off-site at Polka Dot Pound Cake on Thursday 12/6 at 9:15am
- Dates to Remember:
 - 11/20 – Hewitt Shops the Rock
 - 11/20 – Reflections Deadline
 - 11/27 – SEP coffee and share
 - 11/28 – Box Tops due
 - 11/29-11/30 – Holiday Boutique
 - 12/1 – Blood Drive
 - 12/3-12/7 – Inclusive Schools Week
- Meeting Adjourned