

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MAURICE HAWK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

Thursday, October 12, 2017- 7:30pm

Call to Order: Sonia Gawas called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm

29 people in attendance.

Introduction of the Board

Secretary's Report: Minutes from June 2017 meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- 2016/2017 Year End financial report presented – no questions posed.
- 2017/2018 Operating Budget present for vote – Motion from Melinda Van Dillen, Second from Stephanie Thomas, budget passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- Field Day – special thanks to grade photographers. Ms. Buell will be given the Shutterfly links to give to teachers.
- Dad's Coffee – successful event with very high attendance.
- Book Fair – fall Book Fair was a successful event. Fund totals not available yet.

Guest Speakers: Melissa Pearson, Math Supervisor K-5, and Susan Totaro, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, K – 12, presented the "Inside a Math Classroom" workshop for parents.

- The goal of a math workshop is to make students comfortable with math and get them involved.
- The dynamics of a math workshop invite participation, create a math community and encourage students to take risks and find their passion for math.
- Center activities allow for group work, solution sharing and building number sense.
- Students are encouraged to share strategies that help them look differently at numbers.
- Various activities are done within workshop with each sessions concluding with a reflections exercise.
- Math workshop activities are designed to get students thinking about math strategies instead of focusing just on the answers.

Principal's Report:

- New school year started successfully with 749 students enrolled across all grades.

- National Walk to School Day was on October 14 and had the highest participation of any walk to date.
- MAP finished up on October 13 with results due mid-November.
- Reading assessments are ongoing as well.
- Some teachers are participating in a pilot program for teacher evaluations – evaluations may involve videotaping of the class.
- MH is part of a tech pilot program that will be implemented in 1st grade classrooms to explore tools we can use for teaching.
- We are also piloting NJ Tiered Support System. This is looking at the interventions we can provide to support students learning needs. Hawk staff along with Martin Smith and other admins and supervisors will look at the data and analytics to determine how what we are doing helps support each student and how we will continue to support him/her.

Next meeting is November 2 at 7:30, Meet Maurice Hawk Specials. This is NOT a General Meeting. The next General Meeting (voting) will be January 11, 2018.

Adjournment 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Van Dillen

Secretary, Maurice Hawk PTA