



Monday, September 16, 2019 in the Little Theater

PTO member in attendance

Rachel Sule, Brigid Morrissey, Emily Marx, Tejal Patel, Amy Calabrese, Nancy Ferguson, Betsy Michau, Morgan Dorfman, Kate Myers, Sarah Bradley, Elsa Ilesmes, Sue Dahlstrom.

Total number of parents attending: 34

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting began at 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a welcome from President Rachel Sule.

Guest Speakers

 Radnor Committee for Special Education representatives:

Mrs. Mair and Mrs. Wassel explained the importance of this program to Radnor Community and how helpful it has been for many families. They announced how special needs Education is participating in the Radnor Speaker Series. The parents were informed about the beautiful program **Radnor Champions** (also known as "Challenger") is a first-class sports experience for boys and girls with special needs. Through a structured environment, programs will emphasize teamwork, social skills, and learning a variety of sports through no pressure and low-competition!

 Librarian Introduction

Sue Dahlstrom

Mrs. Dahlstrom introduced herself and she was very proud of the **Ambassador Program** and pointed out how the kids in the program are great role models and the ambassador's kindness with not only the kids but the parents as well was remarkable.

Principal's Report

 Nancy Ferguson

- See Principal's Report dated 09/17/2019.
- Mrs. Ferguson thanked the PTO for the play ground and recommended to watch the safety video produced by Mrs. Tracy to instruct students and adults on the proper use of the new equipment, the video was posted on the school's website.
- She also thanked the parents in charge of The welcoming Committee, School supply kits, cultural arts, and welcome back picnic.
- A new School Wide Positive Behavior (SWPB) Handbook was created and distributed to all students. It will be available online shortly.
- After school programs will begin the Week of October 7th. The company in charge is called 'Right at School,' they will be the contact and provider for these services.
- The PSSA testing date window is April 19th - May 7th.

- Update Clearances in order to be a volunteer.
- Importance of registration for kindergartners on time.

## Officer's and Standing Committee Reports



### President's Report:

Rachel Sule and Brigid Morrissey

- Mrs. Sule and Mrs. Morrissey presented the members of the PTO board and announced that the vice president's position is available.

Other information provided by Mrs. Sule and Mrs. Morrissey was:

- Membership Tool kit and how to sign up for it to keep parents informed about upcoming WES meetings and events.
- Parents that are new to the school can meet each other at the socials which the dates and locations are announced on the school website under the PTO link.
- The parents at the meeting were informed about the district alliance for saving kids. The first meeting on vaping will be held on October 18th at the Black Theater in RHS.



### Treasurer's Report:

Amy Calabrese and Emily Marx

- The Income and Expense Summary for July 2018-June 2019 was circulated along with a brief summary of the PTO's current cash position.
- Last year there was \$65,000 extra raised for the playground with the school going paperless and this year the letter about family donation program was not sent. The donations this year have been not as successful as last year. The principal made a commitment to have the letters sent out the next day.



### Communication Report

Tejal Patel

Mrs. Patel informed us about **WES PRESS**. This is our monthly e-newsletter sent to *MSA-registered* parents. It highlights upcoming school, PTO and district events and provides other useful information.

## Committee Presentations



### Spring Fair :

Brigid Morrissey and Serene Pena

Spring Fair will be on Friday, June 5th. Volunteers are needed and this event is being organized throughout the year.



### Social Media Committee:

- Mrs. Dorfman introduced herself to the new parents and announced that WES Instagram page is up and running and invites everyone to follow. WES PTO can be followed on Facebook as well.
- Mrs. Dorfman showed how to sign up to volunteer through the "Sign up Genius" App.



### Multicultural Committee:

Geeta Kapadia

- Mrs. Kapadia announced that India will be the country for this year. Opportunity volunteers were offered and will be held in the last week of January 2020.
- Also, Mrs. Kapadia clarified that the multicultural group take walks and also participates in many events throughout the year.



### Community Outreach:

Kate Myers

Mrs. Myers mentioned the title I program and informed how the Community Outreach Committee works closely with the school guidance counselor and local nonprofits to support individuals and families in need through events like Thanksgiving baskets, summer survival kits, Halloween candy collections, and Craft Night service table.



### Trunk or Treat:

Mrs. Melissa Adams, Mrs. Lisa Ross

Everyone was invited to participate in this fun event in the last Friday of October. The participation in this event can be either by decorating your car, or just walking around. Also was mentioned that donation candy will be dropped at the main office. The cost is \$10 per car, and includes water and pretzels.



### Cultural Art Committee:

Mis Leigh Oblack

- This committee runs under the support of PTO money. Every year they bring talented individuals to perform on the Radnor stage giving the students the opportunity to connect with art through entertaining performances. For instance, the Hip Hop show from last year was a successful hit making the students talk nonstop about spectacular performance.
- Mrs. Ferguson shows her appreciation for this committee and communicates how all the events are programmed one year ahead.



### Radnor Educational Foundation:

Mrs. Lori Ellis

REF was presented to the new parents and they were informed how REF has awarded over \$1,000,000 in grants to the Radnor Township School District students and teachers. REF is proud to offer a diverse number of programs numerous categories: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Programs, Curriculum Enhancement, Cultural Arts, Technology, Professional Development and Community Engagement. REF is also part of the Radnor Alumni Council. The application process for these program was briefly explain, further information is available in the website.

REF raises money y a program called Neighbors Helping Neighbors, ACME purchased (details are founded in the website) and breakfast with Santa.



### Other Announcements:

- Mrs. Rachel Sule announced that spelling club registration forms will be available in Google Forms. This event is played by the district and runs up until Middle School.
- Mrs. Emily Marx announced that the WES Running 5k run/walk will be held in Sunday November 10th is now open.
- Mrs. Rachel Sule sends her thanks for the Back-to-School Picnic.

**The next WES PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm.**

**The September 16, 2019 minutes were approved**

**Meeting adjourned 8:06 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Elsa Lesmes, PTO Secretary