

**JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL
PTA MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2008**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes from the May 8, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved by motion 1st Barbara Guida and 2nd Karen Joseph.

Introduction of Officers: Michele Yurman and Joanne Foley-Co-Presidents, Kathy Neuman-Vice President, Marisa Rosentel-Recording Secretary, Donna Conway-Corresponding Secretary, and Mary Anne Koenig-Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

See attached sheet.

Proposed Budget

Proposed Budget was reviewed and discussed and approved by motion, and seconded, and all in favor. Budget is now official.

Principal's Report

Mrs. McCarthy welcomed us thanked us for attending tonight's meeting. Mrs. McCarthy stated that opening day went smoothly. There are sixteen new entrants and a total of 735 students in all. There are twelve new staff members. Mr. Toco and Mrs. McCarthy will be meeting with them monthly to talk about being a new teacher. District Code of Conduct is a policy that the Board approves each year and adopted a new piece in the Code of Conduct, which is called "Off Campus Misconduct." If an act or something happens that threatens an individual and/or school itself off campus and is brought into the school building and brought to their attention, it will be addressed. Depending on the nature of the incident the consequences for that incident will be different. Mr. Toco and Mrs. McCarthy advised the students of this. Group pictures will be Monday, 9/22 and individual pictures on 10/6. The price for the 8th grade yearbook is \$18.00. Mrs. McCarthy discussed attendance and lateness. She would like to get the students in the habit of getting here on time so that when they get to high school they are better prepared. There is really no supervision at the end of the school day except for attending extra help or a club. The children should go if they are not attending extra help or a club. Security guards circle around until 3:45 and another at 6:15. Mrs. McCarthy advised of an article in October's Family Circle of an article called "Clothes Gone Wild." It was explained to the children they are here for an education and how you dress does say something about yourself. Family and Consumer Science Department, Mrs. Weiner and Mrs. Blau, are encouraging families to enjoy a meal together. The official "Family Dinner Day" is September 22nd.

Co-President/President's Report

We normally meet in the cafeteria at 7:30 and our next meeting is on October 16. Please join List Serve for JFK and PTA membership. Our PTA membership contest is going strong. The winners so far are: Mrs. Klein, in 6th grade, Mr. Perez in 7th in grade, and Mr. Brace 8th in grade. At the end of the contest, the winners for each grade will have a pizza party. Committee sign-up sheet was passed around. Red Ribbon week is fast approaching. Individual picture forms will be come home separately. Homecoming is October 11th and we need volunteers to man our table. Breast Cancer Walk is October 19th. Bethpage High School has started a team and we were invited to join along. Reflections theme is "Wow" and we need a chairperson for that committee. Site based meeting is next week. PTA Counsel first meeting is Monday night and SEPTA's meeting is Thursday of next week. Michelle Yurman will be attending a Safety Committee Building Meeting for this building in two weeks. Please contact her with any concerns. We are trying to promote box tops this year. Please sign on to their website which will give us five box tops. Also, clip and send in your box tops and put in PTA mailbox.

Correspondence

A thank you card was received from John DeTommaso thanking JFK PTA for their generous donation to Bethpage High School's Senior Class. Toni Cennamo sent a thank you for the "Welcome Back Breakfast." The following nine students sent a thank you card for the scholarships they received from JFK PTA: Alyssa Damiani, Alexandra Christodoulou, Elyse Barancini, Sarah Gargiulo, Courtney LaSpina, Eric Zeleznik, Matthew Zonin, and Sandhya Kasturi.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned approximately 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marisa Rosentel
Recording Secretary
JFK PTA