

# NETTINGHAM PTA MINUTES

May 1, 2024

*Approved September 24, 2024*

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7:06 p.m. | ZOOM *Meeting called to order by* Denise Salamanca, PTA President

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## In Attendance

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Exec Board Members: Denise Salamanca, Caren Dankin, Sandy Sims, Dr. Dumaresq

Approx. 9 PTA members: Maureen Lamberti, Kerri Ann MacIsaac, Martha Rabello, Tracy Wright, Angela Yas

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## Approval of Minutes / Business

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Pledge Of Allegiance

Quorum not met, so minutes and Treasurer's Reports cannot be approved at this time.

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President's Report    Denise Salamanca    [nettinghamPTApres@gmail.com](mailto:nettinghamPTApres@gmail.com)

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## Thank yous –

- Thank you to Kim L'Hommedieu who has worked tirelessly this year to set up some great author visits for our students. We hosted Alex London in person for all grades on March 13th and Tim Green virtually for 5th and 6th graders on April 23rd. Kim works with the author or their contacts in setting up the date, the topics, and any other specifics for the presentation, is the liaison between the author and our School Media Specialist, and helps with logistics the day of as needed. We are always looking for new ideas for authors and assemblies we can potentially host for the students!
- Thank you to Martha Rabello who led the Bang Cookies fundraiser held in March. This was our first time working with this local company. The fundraiser did well and many families were able to benefit from these yummy cookies!
- Thank you to Nicole Juarez who set up our Yankees Ticket Fundraiser so that Nettingham families could purchase tickets at a great price to a game on April 7th.

- Thank you to Lauren O'Brien who chaired our Think Purple Week in mid-April. She worked with our district contact and the Nettingham office to coordinate the door decorating contest, purple ribbons outside the school, and XXX to each class. And congrats to the classes that won the Door Decorating Contest - 1st place - Ms. Fairweather's 5th Grade Class; 2nd place - Mrs. Cinella's Homeroom.
- Thank you to Nicole Juarez and Wendy Vignali for running our Spring BOGO Book Fair this past week. We all know recruiting volunteers for spring events is difficult and they end up being present in the school most days to run the fair. Thank you for their tireless dedication.
- Thank you to our Nominating Committee (Sharon Dowling, Audra Koplowitz, and Tracy Wright) who have been working to fill our open positions for next year! We hope to have the slate announced by mid May.
- Thank you to Sapna Llano who once again led our Hershey Park ticket fundraiser. She works with Hershey Park to get all of the details, creates the communications, and processes all of the orders. The fundraiser did great!!

### **Reflections Update**

- Congratulations to 5th Grader Giovanna Flecca for receiving the *NJPTA Reflections Award of Merit for Literature in the Intermediate Division* for her poem, "Hopeful Everyday". The Reflections Arts Program is an annual art contest sponsored by the National PTA to celebrate arts education and give student artists the opportunities to explore the arts for fun and recognition. Students are encouraged to submit original works of art based on an annual theme in different categories. The 2023-24 theme was "I am hopeful because...". Giovanna is the sole award recipient from Union County and is invited to the Reflections Award Ceremony in May where she will be recognized along with the other award winners from across the state of New Jersey. She also was invited to the Board of Education meeting in March and read her poem in front of the attendees.

### **Membership Update**

- As of today, we have 336 PTA members, which is an increase of 5 members from the last meeting! Our goal for the year is to reach 350 members (we had 373 last year). As a reminder, if you volunteer to help with an event, you must be a PTA member for insurance purposes.

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VP of Parent Relations   Sandy Sims   [nettinghamPTAparentrelations@gmail.com](mailto:nettinghamPTAparentrelations@gmail.com)

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- The last event for 5th Grade Room Parents is the 5th Grade Field Day on Monday, June 17th in the morning. Room Parents should keep an eye out for a Sign Up Genius that will be sent by the end of May for them to sign up to run a station at the Field Day. This event is coordinated by one of our 5th Grade teachers but the game stations are typically run by the Room Parents.

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VP of Finance/Treasurer   Caren Dankin   [nettinghamPTAtreas@gmail.com](mailto:nettinghamPTAtreas@gmail.com)

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- The treasurer report is updated on the PTA website.

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VP of Fundraising   Nicole Juarez   [nettinghamPTAfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:nettinghamPTAfundraising@gmail.com)

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- The Spring BOGO Book Fair was a success. As always, we are short on volunteers but we were able to raise a good amount of scholastic dollars.

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VP of Communications   Kristin DeMary  
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- No updates.

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### Committee Reports

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- **Eighth Grade Committee - Maureen Lamberti** - There is another Pretzel Sale on 5/16. The 8th Grade Dance is on Friday, June 7th. We are working with Student Council and Mrs. K on decorations. We will be providing snacks and beverages for the 8th graders, as well as decorating the gym. We are looking for some 7th grade parents to help run the dance as the 8th graders don't want their parents in attendance. 8th grade committee will be there before the dance to decorate.
- **Hershey Park Ticket Fundraiser - Sapna Llano** 154 Tickets were sold!! Tickets have been ordered and should be here by early next week. Those that purchased tickets will receive an email from Sapna with available pick up times.
- **Color Run 5/3** - Color Run is scheduled for this Friday, May 3rd directly after school. Registration will be open through Thursday evening via Givebacks. Registration fee is \$15.00. The registered students will assemble in the school at

dismissal time and, after being checked in, will be brought out by grade. All backpacks and personal items will be brought out and kept on tarps by grade. The running is by grade around the Field of Dreams. Volunteers are still needed to make this event a success. Volunteers are needed to throw color, to help with registration, for the water distribution station, and more. Please let us know if you can volunteer!

- **Staff Appreciation Week 5/6-5/10** - Staff Appreciation Week is next week and our chair, Lowie Diaz, has events planned for each day. Plans include a breakfast, sweets day, luncheon, and ice cream! We also provide snacks and thoughtful gifts the entire week! We still need help. Either donate on Givebacks through No Time to Shop or access the Sign Up Genius to donate snacks or gift cards. This week is not successful without the help of our parents!!
- **Spring Clothing Drive 5/11** - Clothing Drive is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th in front of the school. Hours for drop off are from 9am to 1pm. Volunteers will be needed to help unload bags from the vehicles and then to load the truck when it arrives between 12:30pm and 1:30pm.

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Honorary VP/Principal's Remarks      Dr. Dumaresq      [jdumaresq@spfk12.org](mailto:jdumaresq@spfk12.org)

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- Dr. D provided an update on end of year activities and events in the school.

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### Other Business

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#### Upcoming Dates:

5/3 - Color Run

5/6 - 5/10 - Staff Appreciation Week

5/11 - Spring Clothing Drive

5/16 - 8th Grade Pretzel Sale after school

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### Next Meeting

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- Next Meeting is a General Meeting to nominate the slate of Officers for the 2024/2025 School Year. It will be held prior to the Nettingham Spring Band Concert

MOTION to adjourn was made at 7:52 p.m. by Denise Salamanca and seconded by Caren Dankin