

MINUTES

October 16, 2018

- **Welcome**

- **Recent Event Recap**
 - **2018-19 PTA Membership:** If you have not done so and wish to, please fill out a membership form and pay \$5 dues. To remain on the PTA email list, sign up for membership prior to Oct 31st.
 - **Open House:** Provided multiple resource tables and a chance to meet your child's teacher in their classroom setting. A parent survey will be sent home for feedback.
 - **1st School Gear Order:** Expected arrival of products around October 31st.
 - **Butter Braid Fundraiser:** Orders due by October 23rd.
 - **Fun Run:** Highest participation yet with close to 100 runners!

- **Business**
 - **Committees**
 - **5th Grade Fundraising Committee:** PTA needs to know who the main contact will be. Teachers will send correspondence to 5th grade parents regarding a committee.
 - **Yearbook Committee:** Need committee members for taking pictures throughout the year, helping out with buddy/sibling pictures in the spring, members to help input data and arrange pictures in the actual software program. All pictures can be emailed to pta.school18@gmail.com
 - **20 Days of Giveaways Committee:** Need committee chair to help secure local donations for the 20 days. Organize and coordinate the donations and distributing sale of tickets to the classrooms.
 - **Country Fair Picnic Committee:** Need committee for planning of food and events.
 - **School Garden Committee:** Looking for someone to help co-chair this year. Upkeep for garden in front of the school. Fall clean up date during the first week of November. Please email if interested in joining this committee.
 - **PARP Committee:** Need committee chair and a few volunteers to help plan and coordinate PARP (Feb-March).
 - **School Picture Day:** October 25th - A few parent volunteers would be appreciated to help picture day run smoothly, and also make sure kids look picture-perfect! Please email pta.school18@gmail.com if you wish to help out.
 - **Fundraisers & Drives:**
 - **Box Tops** - If you haven't done so, send in ASAP. First collection is November 1st. Will need another chair person to learn the ropes since this is Krista's last year.
 - **Pop Tabs** - Supports the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Need a new chair to collect pop tabs, and drop off to the Ronald McDonald house in Albany.
 - **Clynk Recycling** - On-going all year. If you would like a green recycling bag let us know. Simply drop bag off at any local Hannaford. Proceeds are added to the PTA account. If anyone wants to run a bottle drive, let a PTA officer know.
 - **Tools for Schools** - If you haven't done so, enroll your Price Chopper AdvantEdge Card via this website: <https://www.pricechopper.com/participating-schools> use the School 18 Code 15872
 - **Amazon Smile** - If you're an Amazon shopper, School 18 can earn money just by your shopping from the Amazon Smile site. You must type in <https://smile.amazon.com> to shop and select your supporting charity: PTA New York Congress 12-055 School 18 PTA

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- Adopt-A-Family & Clothe-A-Family - School runs these fundraisers during the holidays.
- Halloween Costumes - Gently used halloween costumes are being accepted in the main office for students who are in need of one. These will not be returned.
- **Treasurer's Report, Shelly Hansen**
 - Reminder that the majority of raised money goes towards field trips. Class sizes and sections have significantly increased over the last few years, as well as the cost of the field trips. Fundraising is important to continue to allow our children the opportunity of field trips.
- **Principal Items, Mrs. DonVito-MacPhee**
 - School 18 is working with the Columbia Teacher's College staff developers this year. They are visiting our building ten days throughout the school year to work with staff with our rigorous writing and reading programs.
 - Safety drills are currently being completed. So far three fire drills, two lockdown drills and one evacuation drill have been successfully completed.
 - The year is off to a great start!
- **Other Business**
 - Attic Treasures - Due to feedback from last year's attic treasures sale, school administrators asked us to look into a company to provide the gifts. Gifts will be new, not used, and with price points beginning as low as \$0.25. The school will not be accepting any donations other than wrapping paper, and volunteers will still be needed the day of the sale.
 - Terms for PTA President, Treasurer and Secretary will be up this year. Anyone interested in running please email pta.school18@gmail.com.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - **School Picture Day:** 10/25
 - **Halloween Parade:** 10/31 at 1:00pm
 - **School Spirit Day – Twin Day:** Friday 11/9
 - **Harvest Dance** - 11/15 6:00pm

Next PTA Meeting: November 15th at 6:15pm

Contact Your PTA: pta.school18@gmail.com

2018-19 Officers: Jessica Maloney, *President*; Holly Croll, *Vice President*; Shelly Hansen, *Treasurer*; Theresa Kaniff, *Secretary*