

Branch of the National
Floral Park Bellerose School PTA

September 28, 2021

At 6:03 pm, PTA Co-President Mercedes Reyes called the hybrid (in-person and ZOOM) PTA meeting to order. Mercedes Reyes introduced herself and then asked Co-President Allison Saavedra to join her at the podium. Co-President, Allison Saavedra introduced herself and then led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer Lisa Condran announced the 990 tax filing is complete, and the Budget is in good standing.
- Treasurer Lisa Condran presented the 2021-2022 PTA Budget and discussed each line item in Budget.

Introductions and Announcements:

- Co-President Mercedes Reyes thanks Lisa Condran for her budget proposal and then introduces Ashley Lavoie, Recording Secretary
- Ashley Lavoie introduces herself to the PTA. Ashley Lavoie introduces Melissa Ricco to the PTA.
- Melissa Ricco, corresponding secretary, introduces herself to the PTA
- Allison Saavedra announces that Co-Vice Presidents Deidre Cunningham and Cheryl Spigonardo are unable to attend the meeting.
- Mercedes Reyes discusses the spirit wear fundraiser and the PTA's efforts to enhance communication through the website and social media.
- Mercedes Reyes announces school picture day and the need for volunteers
- Mercedes Reyes calls out for ideas/activities and opportunities from PTA members
- Mercedes Reyes introduces Principal John DeKams.

Updates from Principal John DeKams:

- Principal DeKams thanks everyone for their support thus far in the school year. He announces virtual curriculum night and discusses in person orientation for kindergarten and returning remote students.
- He acknowledges concerns regarding transportation and bus delays.
- Principal DeKams discusses the difficulties with indoor assemblies and maintaining appropriate social distancing. He informs everyone that he will reassess as the year continues.
- Principal DeKams announces that Friday Footnotes will continue and thanks to the staff for their input.
- Principal DeKams announces the debut of the new FPBS website and the FPBS Facebook page and thanks to everyone for their support. He then introduces Vice-Principal Dominique Siebert, present on ZOOM.

Welcome by Dominique Siebert

- Mrs. Siebert introduces herself and thanks for sharing the children with the administration.

Guest Speakers

- Meredith Naughton discusses Boosterthon fundraiser, changes, and adaptations to the program, including a fun run 2022.
- Discussion of the possibility of book vending machine idea

Votes:

- Allison Saavedra leads vote for Boosterthon fundraiser.
 - 17 votes total: 8 people via ZOOM,9 people in person
 - Quorum for Boosterthon
- Allison Saavedra leads votes for Budget
 - 20 votes total
 - Budget passed with quorum.

Upcoming Events:

- Mercedes Reyes announces picture day and Halloween Party on Saturday, October 30 at 11 am on the blacktop.

Questions:

- A question is asked about the diversity initiatives
- Principal DeKams discusses diversity and celebration of differences
- He announces the first two themes as kindness and friendship. He will share more information after their first meeting on October 18.

Co-President Mercedes Reyes announces the next PTA meeting on November 16 at 7:00 pm with in-person and virtual options and makes a motion to adjourn. Co-President Allison Saavedra seconds the motion.

Minutes by Ashley Lavoie, recording secretary.