



PTA Meeting
March 24, 2025

- I. Christina Yazbek called the meeting to order at 7:03. Quorum met with 10 members logged on. Toni-Lyn Riccardi, 1st V.P.; Lisa Quenzer, Treasurer; Johana Tedesco, Secretary; and Mrs. Kimball, Principal were in attendance. Lee Cullen 2nd V.P. was absent.
- II. Secretary's Report (Johana Tedesco)
Johana reminded everyone of our communication methods (Remind, Facebook, Gmail, & Website).

February's Minutes Copies of the February minutes, the budget, and the agenda, were sent out electronically by Mrs. Kimball. Colleen Bigora motioned to vote to approve the minutes. Katie Poppe seconded the motion. There were 10 ayes and 0 nos. The minutes were approved.

- III. Treasurer's Report (Lisa Quenzer)
Lisa reported that our current bank balance is \$19,525.21 as of Friday, March 21st. Deposits totaling \$2,239 from Givebacks (credit card purchases) were made. We also made deposits of cash and checks totaling \$5,999.65 since our last PTA meeting. We had purchases this month for Someone Special Dance Tickets, Spirit Apparel, Hershey Park Tickets, TopGolf tickets, and the Spring Plant Sale. The following checks have cleared since the February PTA meeting: Leading Arts Entertainment for the Someone Special DJ: \$600.00; Islanders' ticket overpayment reimbursement: \$39.00; Toni-lyn Riccardi for reimbursements related to Family Fun Night: \$664.39; and Christina Yazbek for reimbursements for copy paper and the money laid out for the Islanders' tickets: \$3,197.22.

Revenue since last month: Spring Apparel Sale - We will receive the invoice when the order is complete. We expect a PTA profit of approximately \$672. Spring Book Fair- We collected \$5,056.64 excluding sales tax. Our cut of that is 50% if we take it all as Scholastic Dollars or 25% if we take it all as cash. We took it as a combination - \$1,250 in Scholastic Dollars and \$639.16 in cash.

- IV. President's Report (Christina Yazbek)
 - A. Chair/Fundraising & Event Report
 1. Fundraiser and Event Chairs/Volunteers Needed
Scholarship Committee –Lisa Quenzer, Kathianne Boniello, Dylan Butler, and Shannon Myers have volunteered for the committee. They will read the scholarship essays submitted and select four recipients. The essays are expected to be ready next week. The essay numbers selected need to be submitted mid to late April.

Craft Night – Katie Poppe is chairing the event on April 25th. We will need volunteers to help during the event. Look for a post on Facebook.

Teacher Appreciation Week– We need someone to chair and co-chair the committee. We will also need volunteers to help make the week special for our staff. Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 5th through 9th this year. If interested, let us know. There is also a Facebook post you can respond to.

2. Nominations for the 2025-26 PTA Officers

The Committee was appointed at the last meeting. Nomination forms are going out within the next couple of days. Officers may only serve two consecutive one-year terms. Toni, Johana, and Christina are completing their second terms and cannot serve in their current roles next year. You must be a current member to be elected. The positions of President, Secretary, and Treasurer MUST be filled, as per NYS PTA regulations. The two vice president positions are helpful, but not mandatory. You may nominate yourself or someone you know for one or more positions. The committee will discuss the candidates and determine who they believe is the best choice for each position. Once they've made that decision, they will contact the candidate to see if they are willing to accept the position. If the person declines, the committee will select another candidate and repeat the process until they have at least each of the mandatory positions filled. If someone is not selected by the Nominating Committee, but wishes to run for a position, they can "run from the floor" by letting the Nominating Committee know at least two business days before the May PTA meeting that they will be doing so. Ballots will need to be created with the names of the candidates vying for the positions. The Nominating Committee will present their proposed slate at our April PTA meeting. Membership votes on the candidates at the May PTA meeting.

3. District Wide Fundraiser

The Wizards Game was February 27th. It was a lot of fun! Bosti had a bunch of staff play. Mrs. Arata and Ms. Schumacher also volunteered to help at the game. It was a great community event. Dr. Centamore loved it and is looking forward to what the PTAs put together for next year. Council was still waiting for some people to submit their receipts for reimbursement, but they estimate that each unit will be receiving somewhere between \$1500 and \$1600 for our participation. We should find out the exact number at the next Council meeting on April 1st.

B. Report of Standing Committee

1. Membership: We have 153 members. Our goal for the year is 196 members. You can join at any time, if you haven't yet. Go to BostiPTA.org to find the links for the online form or the form that can be printed and sent in.
2. Cultural Arts :Christina is still working on booking more assemblies.

V. 1st Vice President's Report (Tonilyn Riccardi)

A. Chair/Fundraising & Event Report

1. Spring Book Fair The Spring Book Fair took place March 12th and 13th. Shannon Myers and Toni Riccardi chaired. Students shopped for books with their class during the day. There was also have an evening fair on March 12th so that families could shop for books together. It was a very successful fair. Toni thanked the volunteers who helped out: Shannon Myers, Lisa Papa, Rae Nave, Lindsay Knudsen, Veronica Serpe, Joey Serpe, Allison Pipino, Joseph Cusimano, and Mary Ryan. The Fair earned us \$1250 in Scholastic Dollars which we use to buy the books for Kindergarten Play Date and Gift of

Reading every December. Between the Fall and Spring Book Fairs, we should be able to easily cover the cost of the books for both of those events in the 2025-26 school year.

2. Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza Night was held on March 20th. It was very successful. Anthony's donated 20% of sales for the night. We are expecting a check of \$305.51. It was definitely one of the best performing Restaurant Nights we've had in the last few years.
3. TopGolf Night We are having a TopGolf event on Sunday, March 30th. School is closed the following day for Eid-al-Fitr. Over 60 tickets were sold. The tickets were \$20 each and included 2 hours of golf and unlimited fountain drinks, lemonade, and water.
4. Spring Plant Preorder Sale runs until March 28th. Orders will be submitted to Joseph's Garden and Greenhouse on April 1st. Orders will be ready for pickup Sunday, May 4th from 9 am to 5 pm at Joseph's Garden & Greenhouses. Joseph is also going to do a flyer sale for us for the month of May. He will be donating a percentage of sales (either 20% or 25%- Christina will check) to our PTA as long as you show him the flyer or mention the Bosti PTA before you pay. Flyers will go out at the end of April.

VI. 2nd Vice President's Report (Lee Cullen)

A. Chair/Fundraising & Event Report

1. Someone Special Dance was Friday, February 28th. The event was co-chaired by Katie Poppe and Danielle Psarreas who did a wonderful job! We had a DJ, crafts, and light refreshments. We also had a photo area with a beautiful balloon display created and donated by Allison Pipino. There was an earlier session geared for students in grades PreK-2 and a later session for students in grades 3-5. Both groups had a great time. The crafts were a big hit with the kids in the earlier session. The kids in the later session loved the giveaways and sang and danced their hearts out. Thank you to the volunteers who helped set up, run the stations, and clean up afterwards: Allison Pipino, Colleen Bigora, Jill Licurse, and Toni Riccardi.
2. Spring Apparel Sale The apparel sale ended March 7th. Orders were submitted to the vendor. We expect them to be ready within 3-4 weeks. As soon as the orders arrive, we will schedule a pick up.
3. Hershey Park Tickets Our Hershey Park ticket sale is running until March 28th. Tickets are \$49 each. They are valid April 5th through January 4th. There are no blackout dates and can even be used for Halloween and Christmas events. Tickets include admission to the amusement park, zoo, and the waterpark. They include preview hours the night before your visit. You can also purchase parking passes for \$27 and Single Meal Deal tickets for \$21 each. Our prices are cheaper than the promotions that Hershey is currently running by a few dollars once you factor in the taxes and convenience fees that you have to pay through their website. Tickets will be distributed through Hershey's new online ticket portal. They will be available before the start of the 2025 season in case anyone wants to use them in April.
4. Craft Night Our Grown Up and Me Craft Night is scheduled for Friday, April 25th from 6-8 PM. Katie Poppe is chairing the event for us. The craft is still in the planning stage. Flyers will be going home soon.

VII. Principal's Report (Principal Kimball)

- Mrs. Kimball talked about the February Random Act of Kindness. It was a really good week, there were hearts all over the lobby, post-it notes around the building. The assembly was wonderful, powerful and very motivating.

- March 17th we celebrated St. Patrick's day, everyone wore green, Mrs. Tabachnick serenaded us with a poem. There was Leprechaun mischief all around the building. Shannon Hanley and Caitlyn Dunne, were delightful donating their time with their Irish Step Dance.
- Kindergarten registration is still going on. We have about 40 families registered, 42 students, which means we have 2 full classes for the upcoming year and that is good news, we do not have to lose any classes or teachers.
- The end of the school year is near, families can send letters to let me know anything positive or negative. Any feedback is greatly appreciated. There is no teacher request, but in the letter if you feel a child can be moved from one of their peers please let me know, sometimes they need some time apart especially if they have been in the same classes for the past 3 years.
- State testing is coming up. I sent a letter through Parent Square, to have the parent opt out of the state testing, I have the list of non-takers and takers. It is going to be computer based testing for ELA, math and science for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades.

VIII. Report of Informative Committees

Board of Education Report (Dylan Butler)

- Bob Hauser presented a proposed budget for revenues and budget for the upcoming year, there will be an increase of 1.34% in taxes, May is the vote.
- Public community period they talked about a teacher, not from Bosti, there will be a statement at the May meeting.
- Disability Awareness Month, their logo is, "Yes I Can," they will feature famous people with disabilities.
- They talked about backpack checks at the Middle and High school level.
- Summer program SCOPE at the end of August, was COVID funded, those funds have run out and the program will not return.

Co-Council Report (Christina Yazbek)

Council met March 4th. Doctor Centamore spoke about things happening in the district. March is Disabilities Awareness Month. Spring Sports are beginning soon. The middle school concerts are right around the corner. Career Night has about 30 speakers so far. Budget Development workshops are going on until the budget adoption happens. He encouraged us to advocate for funding. He thanked us for the Wizards event. Jessica Yawney-Kohler presented about how the schedules are created for students in the secondary schools. She went over Accelerated classes offered at the middle schools. High school graduation requirements and the timeline and process for the creation of each student's schedule were presented. She discussed special programs including the NCAA (athletics), Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment Courses and BOCES program. Mrs. Yawney-Kohler is attending one PTA meeting for each of the schools in the district to talk to parents about the options available to Connetquot students at the elementary and secondary levels. She will be at our April meeting. Council selected their nominating committee and we voted to appoint them. They reminded us that we should be having 3 givebacks for each fundraiser.

Shared Decision Making Committee Meeting (Kathianne Boniello)

- Talked about letters going out to parents for some feedback on placement for next year.
- NYS testing for ELA and Math is coming up.
- We also got to see the new Mindfulness Room, It is a beautiful room, kids have been taking advantage and benefiting from it. Kathianne shared some photos of the room.

IX. Old Business - None

X. New Business

We decided to motion to move some money over to Craft Night. Johana Tedesco motioned to move the budget of 300.00 dollars. The motion passed 13 ayes 0 nos.

XI. Announcements

- PJ Day – March 25th
- Early Dismissal – March 28th
- Hershey Park Ticket Sale Ends– March 28th
- Spring Plant Preorder Sale Ends – March 28th
- TopGolf Night – March 30^h
- No School: Eid al-Fitr – March 31st
- Showcase of the Arts – at CHS April 4th 5:30 – 8:30 PM
- Library Literacy Celebration – at CHS April 10th 5:30-7:30 PM
- Report Cards Posted/Distributed – April 11th
- No School: Spring Recess - April 14th -18th
- NYSSMA– April 24th 3-9 PM
- Craft Night – April 25th 6-8 PM

Next PTA Meeting – Monday, April 28th at 7pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M with 13 people logged in.