

Rocky Point PTA

Meeting Minutes 10/4/17

Pledge of Allegiance

Thank Moe's for donating food to sponsor our meeting

Introduction of board members – Peter DeRosa and Pat Carr not in attendance

10+ PTA members in attendance - 7:05 meeting called to order

Introduction of Gary Pollakusky – running for Suffolk County Legislator. Rocky Point resident after Hurricane Sandy. Originally from Long Beach. Attended Cornell University. Discussed how Suffolk County is currently 2.1 billion in debt, the drug epidemic on LI and gang issues. Stated we need to support and attract local business. Trying to get Amazon to open new facility on LI. Runs North Shore Community Forum and wants to create consistent education. Lots of programs available (Boces approved) but not being used. “Given a Second Chance” program about Rob Alliano and his experience. Introduced Jerry Figgianni. Professional martial artist. REACH program funded by Police Athletic League. Having presentation October 25th at Longwood School.

Intro Sarah Anker – Narcan training at MS tomorrow night. Explained what Narcan does. Has been in office as legislator for 6 years. While in office wanted to create rehabilitation center. Opiate education needed. Went to HS in Central Florida and dealt with bullies. In contact with NYS DOT about safety concerns on 25 and 25A. She has met with Dr. Ring about Rocky Point Yaphank Road to add guardrails to keep kids on sidewalk. Acquired funding for planning study for the road. Pink tree lighting event for breast cancer at Heritage Park for the month of October. LI is cluster for breast cancer due to chemicals in our water. SCWA monitoring it. There's been illegal dumping and illegal use of pesticides. Red light cameras – allocating funding for investigation about cameras causing increase in accidents. Opiate epidemic – education needed. Working with law enforcement. Former school board member in Mt. Sinai.

Building Reports

Suzann Crossan – High School Principal

Homecoming 9/16 - Disney movie themed parade. Graduating class of 1977 was Grand Marshall. Powderpuff flag football game. 9-10 grade 9/11 assembly. Flags lined the front of school. Upstanders – treating others with respect. Signed a pledge against bullying. Open school night. Athletics Dept Scholar Athlete School of Distinction. GPA 90+. Upcoming: college essay event – speed read by college counselor. Hosted by Business Honor Society.

Dr. O'Brien – Middle School

Thanked PTA for welcome back BBQ – most organized and well run BBQ ever. Catered by Tuscany. Locker set up. Goal of 100 participation on clubs and sports to get kids involved. Students raised \$1,000 for hurricane relief. Middle School started advisory program - 2xs a month, 12 kids meet with advisor. 10/10/17 is Rachel's Challenge assembly about Columbine. Pass on a chain reaction of kindness. Kindness Rock Project – kids created rocks and they are in courtyard –have nice messages.

Linda Murphy – JAE

They celebrated spirit week. Marched in homecoming parade. 10/12 Fire Dept. visit. Book Fair, picture day and folk dancing coming up. 10/31 is book character day.

Vivien Leary – FJC

Character Ed started. Upcoming assembly with children's author Julia Cook. Picture Day and Book Fair this week. 10/10 Fire Dept. visit (k) 1st grade pumpkin picking 10/31. Story Book Harvest Parade at HS track

Volunteers – need people to sign up and help

Budget approval – passed by majority

Picture days – new photographer – don't wear green

Procedure guide being updated – sign code of conduct

Meeting end 8:02

