
FLORHAM PARK PTA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2016 RIDGEDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

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Call to order: President Rauschenberger at 7:02pm

- I. Florham Park Police Department Introduction/Welcome – Chief Robert Treiber
 - A. Increased presence at schools to assist with traffic flow and parking, as well as regular drive-bys and walk-throughs throughout the day to insure safety and that children are comfortable with their presence
 - B. Clowns have not been an issue in the district-if you see any issues contact police
 - C. Morris Area Coalition for Education Master Class on Drug & Alcohol Awareness 10/11/16 7pm at Ridgedale Middle School-will discuss drug and alcohol trends
 - D. Coffee with a Cop 10/7/16 9am at Dunkin Donuts
 - E. Self Defense Classes for Women-currently have two full classes of 30, contact police department to be put on a waitlist
 - F. Bear Sightings-There have been sightings in the area, contact police if you see one
 - G. Neighborhood Watch-currently 70 block captains on 37 streets but still looking for more, contact police department if you would like to become involved in the program
 - H. Recent luring incident in Madison-still investigating, talk to your children about strangers. They are collaborating with neighboring towns regarding public safety issues.
 - I. Extra police will be out for “walk to school” days
 - J. Crossing assistance on school grounds are handled by the schools. Contact the principals directly with concerns.
 - K. Halloween Hustle 10/29/16 - you can check a box on registration for a portion of registration fee to be donated to the PTA
 - L. For emergency alerts, follow florhamalert on twitter or text florhamalert to 40404 to receive emergency notification text messages. They are also active on facebook at Florham Park Police Department and Office of Emergency Management.
- II. Ways to Earn Free Money for our Schools
 - A. Target Red Card-gives 1% to schools
 - B. Shoparoo App-take a picture of your receipt and they donate a % to schools
 - C. Box Tops
 - D. Labels for Education-last year for the program
 - E. Stop & Shop-register your card and they will donate a % to the schools
 - F. The PTA donated \$36K (\$12K per school) to buy books and supplies for the classroom libraries in support of the Readers and Writers Workshop initiative.
- III. Open Board and Committee Positions
 - A. VP Briarwood-PTA Board
 - B. Prize Party
 - C. Information regarding both positions can be found on our website www.fpkpta.org
- IV. Food Program - Jennifer Pulice, Food Treasurer/Michelle D’Anna Michelle’s Catering
 - A. While the lines are moving faster, it can be further improved. Parents should tell children if they have ordered lunch that day.
 - B. Issue of making the 20 minute lunch period longer was suggested to Dr. Varley at our PTA executive meeting. Was suggested that parents should call Dr. Varley as well with this concern.

- C. Non-meat items are being served on Fridays (pizza sticks & macaroni & cheese) looking ahead to lent. Smoothies will be coming back to future menus.
 - D. Looking into the future possibility of bringing back pizza day, but first want to get the current system streamlined.
 - E. Allergies-There is a book at Briarwood that parents can consult for complete ingredient lists for all menu items. All bread products come from Anthony & Sons, all sliced meats are Thumans, and all chicken is Tysons. Any additional questions should be sent to our caterer Michelle D'Anna at md@thepartycouture.com.
 - F. Food Preparation
 - 1. No microwaving, no frying; 700-800 items a day are being served
 - 2. Meat sliced daily (Thumans-gluten-free and no msg)-will look into slicing the meat thinner
 - 3. Frozen items include chicken and pizza sticks (whole wheat, low fat cheese Bosco sticks)
 - 4. Mindful of healthy portion control
 - G. Will look into mini bagels for BWD; whether hot dogs can be ordered individually vs. currently can only order in pairs, and whether tastings can be set up in the future
 - H. They will be rotating through menu items to see what is popular and then look to bring some consistency to the schedule.
 - I. Check the website http://www.fpkpta.org/p_lunchgen.html for up to date information on menus, session dates, etc. Sessions are set up based on school breaks and average about 6 weeks. Any suggestions or feedback are welcome and can be sent to florhamparklunch@gmail.com.
- V. New Students Welcome
- Issues were raised over the welcoming of new students to the district, particularly during lunch and recess. PTA will bring these concerns to the principals of the schools with the goal to improve the acclimation of new students into the school community.
- VI. Correspondence
- Thank you notes received from Francine Caniglia for the teacher luncheon and Jeremy Serfozo for the grant to purchase additional risers and materials for the music program.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Rezzonico
Recording Secretary