

FLORHAM PARK PTA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 18, 2016 RMS MEDIA CENTER

Call to order by President Rauschenberger at 7:02 pm

Executive Board:

Stephanie Rauschenberger
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VP Briarwood

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- I. Erica Hartman – The Digital Age and Our Children
 - A. <http://bit.ly/cellphonekids> - link to lecture
 - B. Make a cell phone plan & check plan (i.e. be prepared, sign a contract including acceptable apps & age appropriate apps).
 - C. Takes a village – enlist family to help and check sites (ie. Friends on FB)
 - D. Be a good role model (i.e. if rule is no cell phones at dinner table, parents shouldn't bring to dinner table)
 - E. Initially, may be helpful to have small increments of usage time.
 - F. Leverage phone for good. For example, a good way to stay connected to relatives that are far away. Can be a wonderful connector!
 - G. School yourself – know the apps that are out there! A good link to know which apps are good and which are bad is: Commonsensemedia.org Good information on videos, movies, apps
 - H. Highly recommend daily check of phone
 - I. Anything done digitally never goes away!
 - J. Teach child to be an advocate and upstander
- II. New Executive Slate for 2016-2017
 - A. Nominees for the 2016-2017 PTA board presented:
 1. Nicole Takla – VP Briarwood, continuing additional year
 2. Kelly Ewing – VP Briarwood, switching from recording secretary
 3. Kimberly Rezzonico – Recording Secretary
 4. Liliana Cannizzo – VP Arts in Education
 - B. Membership unanimously voted in nominees
- III. Summer kickoff Carnival 6/11
 - A. Permits secured, police involved, hired Let's Jump for all inflatables
 - B. Several large inflatables, will be sponsored by local businesses
 - C. Several food vendors – hot dog, Oink & Moo, Romanelli's, ice cream, cotton candy. Food pay cash only
 - D. Wristband - \$20 pre-sale, \$25 day of. Wristband included limitless inflatables and a sheet of tickets for games (approx.. 8 games)
- IV. Volunteering Opportunities for Next Year/Open Coordinator Positions – several openings for volunteer opportunities including class mom and especially coordinators. Coordinators needed for: BWD kidsstuff, BWD & BKL teacher appreciation, prize party, color run, membership, BOE liaison.
- V. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 6/1 – our way of thanking those that volunteer in the PTA. Please RSVP
- VI. Lunch Program Announcement
 - A. Excited to announce Michelle D'Anna Catering of East Hanover has been hired!

- B. She and her staff will cook in the 3 school kitchens. Stovetop meals will be cooked at BWD and transported to BKL & RMS
 - C. Special touches such as fresh fruit on site and holiday specials (i.e. warm Valentine's brownies)
 - D. Michelle will be advertising to hire staff – flyer with information coming soon
 - E. Pizza day – still an option
- VII. Thank you Anna Cave and Nicole Raphael for your dedication to our board over the past 3 and 2 years!
- VIII. Correspondence – cards, notes
- A. Thank you noted read from various teachers and staff for teacher appreciation including – Lori Pompei, Daria Avanzato, Kris Nester, Ms. Anton, Francine Caniglia, Janice Vitiello, Lorraine Casale, Marlene Rinaldi & 2nd grade team
 - B. Thank you from Laura Sugg for the thoughtful gift box received for her surgery

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Ewing
Recording Secretary