

**Minutes of Old Bethpage Elementary School PTA  
General Meeting  
Meeting Held on May 10, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Introduction: Call meeting to Order**

- Elina Pavic, President Opened Meeting, welcome message
- Attendance Sheet was passed around and signed by all in attendance
- Rich Cunningham presented this years budget – budget vote to take place May 16, 2017

**Principal Announcements:**

- District hiring 6 new elementary teachers for next year
- Maker Space is a huge success – continue sending in donated items
- Courtyard Garden Underway, thanks to Mrs. Goetz’ husband for building the planter boxes, student have begun planting vegetables
- Reminder to write letters now for any requests or concerns for next year (not teacher requests)
- An additional nurse will now be present in the building when Mrs. Ricca leaves the building, as well as a nurse to accompany students on class trips
- A guidance counselor will now be shared between the elementary schools
- Our School was recognized by the “No Place for Hate” initiative and will be presented with an award in New York City on May 24, 2017. Dr. Yannucci will accept the award.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the last day of extra help
- Starting next year there will only be two class parents for each class, parents chosen for trips will be done by lottery
- Anyone who wishes to donate to the family of two of our students whose brother was recently diagnosed with Leukemia can donate to the Leukemia Society on their behalf. See Mrs. Gray for more info.

**Committee Reports:**

Treasurer: cash on hand - \$26,390.00

Fundraising: box tops and pretzel sale – ongoing; spring spiritwear available; school received \$1,000.00 from last box tops contest; PTA to donate toys and indoor rec equipment

Arts in Education: bubble show, circus project, earth balloon; 4<sup>th</sup> grade legacy project

Nutrition: Whitson’s contract ending; bids are currently out to 3 vendors; nutrition meetings to take place in each building next year

Curriculum: District urges students to take state tests; stem night beginning next year; using music and songs in curriculum more; no changes being made to 4<sup>th</sup> grade health curriculum

Transportation and Safety: drivers license to be scanned upon entry to building; two buses to present for Kindergarten Orientation; any concerns regarding buses for next year should be addressed now!

Philanthropy: soles for souls shoe drive underway – please donate gently used shoes for all ages

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Plant Sale – May 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
- Field Day – May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Bubble Show/School Dance Party 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Ducks Game – May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Substance Abuse Forum at Jericho High School May 24<sup>th</sup>
- Family Picnic – June 9<sup>th</sup>
- Next Meeting June 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Executive Board for Next Year Announced and voted on, all nominated members were voted in successfully! Congrats to the 2017-2018 Executive Board!!

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully,

Andrea Mc Auliffe, Recording Secretary