



**Sea Cliff PCA Meeting Minutes**  
**May 6, 2019, 7:45 p.m.**  
**Sea Cliff School Library**

Attendance: Veronica Valli, Claudia Ames, Amelia Hecker, Katharine Kletter, Christine Reidy, Anne Marie Macrigiane, Adeline Phelps, Jordan Loftus, Lisbel Wainer, Lauren Healy, Laureen Collier, Peg Friedman, Laura Ryniker, Tracey Passuello, Nicole Ecker, Jessica Accetta, Sarah Regan, Maria Mosca, Sara Jones, Tania Zuzzolo, Cara Duffy, Natasha Gordon, Tannaz Balooch, Dave Ludmar, Courtney Chambers

**I. PCA Updates**

1. Welcome: Co-president Amelia Hecker called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m. and welcomed attendees. She thanked everyone for attending.
  - a. Volunteer opportunity: Grant Writer. Amelia reported that the PCA is still looking for a volunteer with grant writing experience to write a grant for funds to maintain the garden.
2. Executive Board Nominations: The vote for next year's executive board will be held on June 5th. The nominating committee consists of Peggy Friedman and Sarah Regan; if you wish to run for one of the open positions, please contact them. Amelia announced that Veronica Valli has announced her intention to run for co-president; Lisbel Wainer will run for co-treasurer, taking over for Anne Marie Macrigiane; and Katharine Kletter will run for Events co-chair. The nominating committee is still seeking nominees for merchandising co-chair and another treasurer to replace Peggy Friedman.
3. Events Update: Sarah Regan and Tannaz Balooch  
Sarah updated attendees on upcoming PCA events. She noted that the staff luncheon will be held on June 17th, not May 15th as this week's PCA email stated. The event will be run by Gloria Schaeffer who has emailed all Sea Cliff School parents a spreadsheet requesting food donations. Finally, Sarah thanked Claudia Ames and Katia Kallour for running International Night on April 4th, and Pooja Vira and Madhavi Neveroski for co-chairing Piano Night. Sarah reported that the movie night was a big success.

- a. Book Swap: May 28th-May 31st. Sarah reported that Monica Pinto and Allison Ryan are co-chairing the event, and encouraged attendees to donate books.
- b. Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon: June 17th. Sarah reiterated that the date has changed and is June 17th, which is what is listed on the district calendar. Be on the lookout for another email with the correct date.
- c. SC PCA Beach Party: June 14th. For the first time, the PCA Beach Party will have a rain date on June 21st. Monica Leach is chairing the event.

## II. Budget Presentation from Dr. Giarrizzo

Dr. Giarrizzo spoke about the upcoming budget vote and election of board of trustees on May 21st, 2019. He noted that the ballot has two propositions. The first is the budget, and the second reduces transportation mileage requirements for students in the middle and high schools. He also stated that there is more information about the budget on the district website, and encouraged attendees to review it online.

The budget is \$107 million dollars and is under the tax cap. The largest additions to the elementary school are in social and emotional learning. The district is adding a health and wellness teacher who will split time between the three elementary schools, and take over the health curriculum. The district is also adding a guidance counselor to the elementary staff, as mandated by New York State. The counselor will essentially function as the STEM teachers do, spending two days out of every six day cycle at each elementary school. The budget also includes lots of security upgrades, such as lighting, additional cameras, and fencing.

Board of Education Trustee Dave Ludmar, in attendance, encouraged all present to vote for the budget. He also detailed the board's budget deliberation process.

## III. Principal's Report

Dr. Zublionis reported that the grades 3-5 state assessments have been completed, with the exception of the fourth grade science assessment. The school STEAM fair will be May 7th, and parents and families are invited between 3:30 and 7:30. On Monday, May 6th, the school hosted a bike safety assembly for all grades. Wednesday, May 9th will be National Bike to School Day. Students can meet at two places - the Methodist Church or Headless Park - and bike in groups to school together. Other upcoming events include the 3rd grade field trip to the Nassau County Art Museum, the 2nd grade field trip to Caumsett State Park,

Field Day on May 31st, and fifth grade graduation on Thursday, June 20th. This year's fifth grade will have both a pool party and a dance. The Sea Cliff Mock Trial club will be competing in a mock trial competition on Friday, May 10th, and there will also be a TED club culmination that day.

Dr. Zublionis also reported that the school's emphasis on community service continues. The fifth grade recently visited a food bank and will visit the Sea Cliff Senior Center. After these visits, the fifth graders will create their own service project to give back to the community. Finally, Dr. Zublionis recommended that everyone attend the upcoming spring concert, when the new school song, "We are the Heroes," will be performed publicly for the very first time. The song was composed by Carl Strommen with lyrics by the fifth grade class and parent Matt Curiale. There will also be a Memorial Day concert outside in front of the school at 7:45 am on the Thursday before Memorial Day.

IV. Grade Happenings: There was no report because Mrs. Hild was not in attendance.

V. District Reports:

1. Board of Education: School board president Sara Jones reported that the board has been consumed with the budget and the upcoming bond. She encouraged people to come to the next bond informational meeting. She reminded attendees that the bond will put money back into the schools, and the school won't have this opportunity to pass a bond for a long time. The bond vote will likely be in the autumn, so new construction will begin in the summer. The last bond was in December 2013.

V. Closing:

Sarah Regan reminded attendees that the PCA is still looking for a merchandising chair and a co-treasurer. Amelia Hecker reminded everyone to please use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) when shopping on Amazon. Tannaz Balooch announced that she brought the volunteer signup sheets to the meeting, and people were welcome to sign up to volunteer for activities. Amelia reminded attendees that the next meeting will be June 5th at 8:30 am, and adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

