



PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2023-9am-Knollwood Media Center

In attendance: Lauren Porter, Kate Laufer Gorenstein, Stefanie Wenzel, Kelly Cavise, Nicole Ippolito, Jennifer Collins, Laura Mendez, Carrie Lieberman, Maggie LaBarbera, Marcia Breen, Alicia Winick, Monika Reilley, Melissa Schlisman, Christine DiCorcia, Jenn D'Agati, Beth Putterman, Kate Raftery, Danielle Tibbetts, Katherine Kommer, Tanya Scanniello, Taryn Crosby, Jessica Kane, Erica Taylor, Kristina Nash, Jamie Sztoser, Ali Haberstrorh, Susan Graye, Renee Rockwood, Heather O'Halloran, Lauren Arguhe, Michelle McDonald, Jen Pesce, Amy Estep, Mary Rachelle Stumpf, Elise Casey, Caitlyn Sullivan, Kelly Peralta, Stacy Sarnoff, Jess Emerson, Nina Arakelian Lord, Ann Longcroft, Kristen Denahan, Lisa Paster, Alexis DeJianne, Wendy Harris, Heidi Preterse, Ali Nathanson, Marla Volpe, Kaylin Cruz, Michal DiMicelli, Erin Rehm, Heather Lombardo, Kelly Flanagan, Kara Skinner, Allison McGee, Krystie Larsen

1. Welcome: Lauren Porter
2. November Minute Approval
 - a. Motion to Approve: Kristina Nash
 - b. Second: Marcia Breen
3. Guest Speaker: Jennifer Collins **The Precious Present** *Discover what's holding you back from being in the moment with your kids.*
 - a. Jennifer provided a very informative talk about how to be present with your children. She highlighted blocks to being present and provided strategies to increase presence. She went over her three steps for improving presence; 1. Observe, 2. Separate facts from stories, 3. Recommit
4. Vote in 2023-2024 Nominating Committee
 - a. Motion to approve: Kate Laufer Gorenstein
 - b. Second: Stephanie Nealis
5. Officer Reports:
 - a. VP Operations
 - b. Corresponding Secretary
 - i. The Snowman Shop will be held after school Monday December 4th at the Knights of Columbus
 - ii. Please contact Kelly Cavise if you are interested in volunteering for Knollwood Field Day
 - c. Recording Secretary
 - i. Cookie exchange will be held for both Knollwood and Sickles staff. All who are interested in baking or donating supplies see the sign-up genius
 - d. VP of Fundraising

- i. Provided the logo for the upcoming annual spring fundraiser which will be held on 4/27/24 at Tillinghouse at Suneagles. The theme will be Casino Royale.
 - ii. Anyone who is interested in volunteering for the committee please fill out the Google form
 - e. VP of Curriculum:
 - i. The PTA is continuing to sponsor a number of exciting programs coming to our students including:
 - 1. Dino Dig
 - 2. Lenape and the Jersey Shore
 - 3. Jordan Toma- "I'm Just a Kid with an IEP"
 - 4. Charlie "The Spaniard" Brenneman
 - f. Treasurer
- 6. Adjournment