

**MVP PTA Minutes – Monday, November 5, 2018**

**PTA Executive Board Present:** Robert V. Sofia, President  
Dawn Sparacio, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Daniela Kwiatkowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Annette Mendoza, Treasurer  
Virginia Meller, Recording Secretary

**MVP Administration Present:** Andrew Burton, Director of Student Services

**Invited Guest:** Mr. Jorge Rivera from Tiger Schulmann, Anti-Bullying presentation

The meeting began at 6:34 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

R. Sofia, President Welcomed all and reminded everyone to sign in. .

V. Meller, Secretary October 1, 2018 minutes read and approved.

A. Mendoza, Treasurer Provided the Treasurer’s Report. The PTA balance is \$8,069.92 less pending payments of \$3,500.00.

R. Sofia President’s Report This has been the most successful MVP fleece sale since the beginning. PTA proceeds are \$600.00 and this is the last opportunity to place a fleece order. This final batch will be received the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Class 6-2 won for the most sales/on-line purchases of Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown. There has been positive feedback.

The Halloween Movie Night had 100 registered students and sixty attended. The remaining goodie bags were raffled off.

There is a super hero/comic event in the planning stages for the Spring.

Paypal charges a fee of 2.9% of the amount being paid as well as a \$0.30 fixed fee. Making the payment as a friend means there are no charges.

Important Dates:

11/6 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> photos. They can be ordered through a code if parents do not send in an order.

11/6 Election Day

11/12 Veteran’s Day Observed-no school

11/22-1/23 Thanksgiving Break

12/3 Scholastic Book Fair preview for parents after PTA meeting

12/5 Scholastic Book Fair open during Parent Teacher conferences

Parent Concerns/Questions	There is an issue using personal email accounts. R. Sofia advised parents to use the school issued parent email.
Raffle, Provided by R. Sofia	The raffle winners for entrance to the Long Island Geek Convention held in November are: Azeneth Zampitelli, Dawn Hauer, Flor Spariosu, Tanka Shahi, Mariah Cordero , and Elyas Otmani
Anti-Bullying Presentation, Mr. Jorge Rivera from Tiger Schulmann	<p>Mr. Rivera stated that there are three types of bullying: verbal, physical and social. He stated there is a desire for social status among bullies/peers. Boys tend to be more physical and verbal and girls tend to be more verbal and social bullies. He mentioned that group bullying is also happening and bystanders watch and many do not say anything.</p> <p>He asked what can be done here to stop bullying. He stated that martial arts help people build confidence. He stated his school has a Bully Shield Program.</p> <p>He stated that suicide is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death among children. For every 100 attempts there is one suicide. Children who are bullied are 2-9 times more likely to attempt suicide.</p> <p>He offered a free week of training at Tiger Schulmann to teach children to be assertive and confident.</p>
Final Items	<p>R. Sofia, volunteers are needed for the book fair. Box tops fundraising please send into school. There is also a Boxtops app. The winning homeroom will have a pizza party in the Spring. Sign up on Amazon for the Smile organization and .05% of the total goes to MVP.</p> <p>D. Kwiatkowski, every pair of gently used sneakers donated means \$1.00 for MVP.</p>
7:08pm	Meeting adjourned. Fleece jackets were distributed.