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Minutes of Virtual General PTA Meeting  
May 12, 2021

Meeting called to order at 9:49am.

President, Cindi St. George presided over the meeting: Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed all to our PTA meeting and noted that quorum is present to conduct business. Bylaws were emailed out with today's agenda and are always available by email, if desired.

Introduced officers:

Kate Martin, Vice-President

Jessica Cona, Secretary

Nicole Annunziata, Treasurer

Minutes of April's General PTA meeting were emailed with today's agenda and if no corrections, they are approved as written and will be filed.

## **TREASURER REPORT:**

This report will cover the month of April 2021.

The Unqua Elementary School PTA bank account had \$17836.46 on April 30, 2021. The bank reconciliation for April 2021 completed. The books (accounts receivable/payable/reconciliation) were reviewed by Erica Hilas on Monday May 10, 2021. There were no inconsistencies found.

The following payments were made in March: Jessica Cona \$976.80 for cookie cutter for Bake with Me, County Graphics Forms Mgmt Health & Wellness Red Ribbon Week Flyer, Cindi St. George \$99.11 Outdoor Recess Balls Enhanced Student Promotions, Cindi St. George \$589 Family Fun Night and Bake with Me Enhanced Student Promotions.

The following deposits were made in April: Apparel (Fall) \$2,783.40, Plant Sale \$1,869.50, Membership \$40 and Box Tops (Fall) \$181.

I would like to start putting together an audit committee. I need 4 volunteers. Please let me know who's interested.

Treasurer Report  
Nicole Annunziata

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

As of today, we have 440 members and our goal for the year is 534. Our PTA unit has successfully achieved the 2020-21 Male Engagement Award Badge from NYS PTA. We have registered and paid dues for male members representing at least 20% of our total membership!!

There is still time to join the PTA if you haven't done so but please do soon so we can make our final payment. Please contact our membership chair Jessica Cona at (516) 639-1807 or [antjessa@gmail.com](mailto:antjessa@gmail.com) with any questions. You can join online at <https://unquany.memberhub.store/store> or you can drop completed membership form and dues to the Rocky

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mailbox at the address listed on the form. Please sign up today if you haven't done so. Thank you!

**PRINCIPAL REPORT:** Mrs. Hulsaver filled in for Mrs. Catapano for today's meeting. Mrs. Hulsaver thanked everyone for all the delicious treats and lunch that was provided for teacher appreciation week. Everything was enjoyed and very much appreciated! Parent volunteers will be selected soon and will be notified via a letter sent home in backpacks. We are all looking forward to field day and hope to have a great day!

**TEACHER REP REPORT:**

Ms. Sondo and Mrs. Pass are unable to attend today's meeting due to scheduling. Feel free to reach out to them with questions or concerns.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Superintendent/Council Meeting on May 10.

**Budget:** Budget Vote is Tuesday, May 18 from 6AM - 9PM. Watch for a mailing with budget highlights.

**BOE Meeting:** At the BOE Meeting on May 6th, the district presented proposed revisions to the 2020-21 COVID reopening plan. The proposed revisions only affect May and June 2021 and require input from school stakeholders and community members. The district has not received reopening guidance from the NYS Education Department for the 2021-22 school year. The presentation and a short survey were emailed out and can be found on the district website. Survey was due by Tuesday, May 11. District is recommending two things:

- Barriers: Consider removing desk shields in secondary instructional settings where masks are worn 100% of the time and 3' social distancing can be maintained
- Physical Distancing: Reduce to 3' between students in classroom settings where masks are required to be worn 100% of the time

Parents had questions about continuing to wear masks. Masks are mandatory as per district attorney. Those are the rules and regulations that we need to follow. In elementary buildings, we can't maintain the 3' restrictions and being masked, particularly while eating lunch in the classroom, therefore that issue does not apply to us. Elementary schools can't use the cafeteria/GP room for lunch because these areas are being used for alternative purposes. It was suggested to split the class and half eat in the class and half in the cafeteria area, but we don't have the staff to monitor the students in both settings. Please continue to check the district website for results of the survey and any changes regarding the above recommendations.

**Summer Programs:** Registration should start in May pending Budget Vote and still waiting on guidelines. Questions about Summer Rec and field trips. As of now there are no field trips due to busing issues. Maybe we can bring in vendors.

**Elementary Schools:** District continues to evaluate COVID restrictions. Phys ed continues to be out of the classroom for all grades. 5th graders have moved into their special area classrooms after returning from spring recess and reporting that all grades now are leaving their classroom for specials.

**Meet the Candidates Night:** Was held virtually on April 28 and moderated by League of Women Voters. It can be viewed on the Massapequa Council of PTAs youtube channel.

**Student Advisory Council:** May 26 in the MHS Cafeteria, there will be a parent workshop on social media. Bring your devices to learn from the students.

**Legislation:** Possible mandatory COVID vaccine for students to return to school in-person in September?? Keep an eye out and write to officials regarding your stance. As a PTA, we'd like to survey our members and families to determine where they stand if the government decides to mandate Covid-19 vaccination for students for in-person school, who meet vaccine age requirements. This will allow the PTA to know how to advocate should such legislation come up. I will send out a simple anonymous survey to see if our families need PTA and/or Council to advocate either in favor of or opposed to this topic.

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## **NEW BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Officer/PTA Forms:** All outgoing and incoming PTA officers were invited to Nassau Region PTA Virtual Spring Conference on May 19. Cindi St. George, Kate Martin, Jessica Cona and Kelly Collins are all registered to attend. Committee Interest Sheets and Class Parents Sheets will be going home soon to return before the end of the school year. Happy to report that we can use the school PTA mailbox to collect the forms. We will also use the Rocky Mailbox at a designated drop-off location for distance learners and incoming kindergarten students.

**School Photos:** Restrictions did not allow us to take class or group photos this year, however our vendor offered a composite class photo of each class for purchase. Mrs. Catapano sent an email blast to all parents with the link to place your order. All orders were due by Friday, April 30 but was extended to May 9. Orders will be distributed via backpacks once delivered to the school. Thank you to co-chairs Nicole Annunziata and Yasmin Fleming for chairing this event.

**Spring Plant Sale:** We had our Spring Plant Sale pick up on May 3<sup>rd</sup> on the back basketball court of Unqua. Unqua PTA purchased one plant per student to give to their special lady in honor of Mother's Day. Thank you to committee members for assisting during the day and to our co-chairs, Jessica Cona and Kate Martin, for all your hard work on this committee.

**Apparel:** Just a reminder that our vendor will email you directly for pick-up at the store. No items will be going home through backpacks. Thank you to co-chairs Jessica DiLucci and MaryAnne Lesczak for arranging this.

**Blood Drive:** The blood drive took place on Thursday April 22 at the New York Blood Center in Massapequa. Our goal was to donate 40+ pints and we donated 40 pints exactly. Thank you to all who registered and came out to donate. You can still donate and give code 06932 for Unqua to get credit. Thank you to our co-chairs, Kate Martin and Mary Jo McBride for organizing this event.

**School Supply Kit:** The supply kits are still available to purchase. Deadline extended until May 21. A flyer was sent home in backpacks, and it was posted to our Facebook page and emailed to membership. Orders must be placed online and will be delivered directly to your home in June. School supply kits are a convenience for parents who don't want to shop for school supplies. The supply lists are provided by our teachers and are completely optional to purchase.

**PTA Awards:** Every year, our PTA honors active parents, teachers, therapists, and community members who work to support our children and school with NYS PTA Awards. A flyer for award descriptions was emailed to all parents by Mrs. Catapano as well as emailed to membership and posted to our Facebook page. Nominations were due last week. Thank you to Kelly Workman for chairing.

**Staff Appreciation:** Staff Appreciation Week is taking place this entire week. We have a week of surprises planned for our amazing staff, including breakfast, lunch and a few days of a variety of snacks. Posters, drawings, notes, pictures, etc. were hung up to line the entire main hallway at school so our teachers and staff know how much we love and appreciate them. We will end the week with a favor and raffles that were generously donated by local establishments and businesses around town. Thank you to committee members and Helping Hands members who donated items for the breakfast and lunch days of the week. Thank you to chair Cindi St. George for organizing the week and collecting the raffles.

**Health and Wellness:** Friday, May 14 is Unqua PTA annual Walk to School Day. A scavenger hunt was emailed out to all parents by Mrs. Catapano. Please print to participate but scavenger hunt is just for fun and not being collected this year. Thank you to co-chairs Kelly Collins and Christina Dell'Anno for putting together.

**Kindergarten Orientation:** Unqua PTA is putting together our Kindergarten folders with PTA gifts to welcome our new students. Folders will be distributed at the Kindergarten Screening. Thank you to co-chairs Sarah Klein and Cindi St. George for putting the folders together.

**Field Day:** will take place on Thursday, June 3 with a rain date of Friday, June 4. Class parents are invited to attend with their class, however parent volunteers will be limited. DJ has been booked as well as an entertainment station. There will be no school-wide entertainment as grades will come out in sessions and classes will still need to be cohorted. All students will be going home with a custom favor from the PTA. Remote students are invited to participate in Field Day with their Distance Learning Class at McKenna and will also have a favor dropped to your mailbox.

**Ice Cream Social:** It will be on Thursday, June 24. Unqua PTA will treat all students (remote students too) to Dairy Queen ice cream. Unfortunately this year, there will be no chocolate syrup or sprinkles, but we think the kids will still enjoy it.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Unqua Newsletter:** The 8th issue of the Unqua Update was emailed out earlier this month. The next and final issue is scheduled for June 1st. Any upcoming PTA news will be included there.

**Go Green Day:** Friday, May 14 for Celiac Awareness.

## **CLOSING**

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 9 at 7:00 pm. It is also our PTA Awards Night.

If there is no further business, meeting is adjourned at 10:22 am.