

**Willow Road PTA meeting minutes
September 27th, 2017**

Approval of minutes: Michelle Mastroserio and Karla Gangi

Treasurer's Report: Presentation of the 2017-2018 Budget . Anticipated expenses \$30,954.26, anticipated income of \$22,681.40, leaving an ending balance of \$3,268.77. Motion to approved proposed budget...all approved. August 1st beginning balance was \$10,050.07, we had \$0 income, expenses were \$1,108.61, leaving an ending balance of \$8,941.46.

Correspondences: Thank you card from Mrs. Ambrosio thanking the PTA for the beautiful gift, "I absolutely love it". Thank you card from Ms. Weik for the kind words and prayers at this time for her and her family. Thank you card from Rebecca Schoenfeld for the award she received at Recognition Night. Thank you card from Mrs. Dorry for the lovely lunch at La Bottega. Thank you card from Toniann Dimartino for the beautiful necklace and flowers. Thank you cards from the following for the ""Back to School" luncheon: Mrs. Palazzolo, Ms. Weik, Ms. Agosta, Mrs. Higgins, and Mrs. Grosso.

Administrative Report: "Welcome Back!". We had a very smooth opening. We are implementing chrome books in the 3rd grade, so now 3rd-6th graders have chrome books. We also have Wonders reading program for grades 3-6. We are continuing our social / emotional piece in the district, which is the RULER. National PTO / PTA day is September 28th. This is a day where nationally the PTO / PTA is recognized. Mrs. Ambrosio shared some great facts about the PTA. She took some group pictures to post on TWITTER to showcase our wonderful PTA. Also, she will be working with the PTA board on an interactive on-site tree showing what the PTA does for our children.

Guest Speaker: Sandee Leonhard from Drama Kids. This year they are offering a class for students in 4th-6th grade, in addition to grades 1-3. Classes begin this week and they meet once a week for one hour. There are 9 classes in the fall and will start up again in the spring.

Committee Reports: Membership is going very well. As of now we have 210 members, we hope to exceed last years 242 members. **B.E.A.R.: (Be Excited About Reading).** Will be held on October 3rd. This happens twice a year. Every student will go home with a book chosen by Ms. Weik paid by the PTA. **Teacher / Staff Welcome back luncheon:** went very well. Food was delicious. Jackie's company donated all the food. **Pre-School:** We had a great turnout for coffee, tea and tears which was held on the first day of school. We had a lot more parents than last year. Mrs. Ambrosio spoke for a little bit. **Birthday Club:** Every child will receive a water bottle on their birthday month. **6th Grade:** First meeting is tomorrow evening. The first bulletin board is up for the 2 year old pictures. Next week the 3 year old pictures will be up. The t-shirt contest flyer went out. Family fun night is November 3rd. Lastly, the 6th graders will be holding a book sale at the Fall Festival. **High School:** Lisa Modica is our representative. The hot topic is the waiver issue. Please attend all the board meetings to get informed. A waiver committee was formed. We have two representatives from Willow, they are Nicole Buccellato and Marlana Romano. They will report to us how things are going. October 10th is the next board meeting. Mr. Bolen was the principal last year, he left and the acting principal is Mr. Trizano. Mr. Trizano will only be at North for one year. The process to hire a new principal will begin in January. Homecoming was early this year. Mr. Trizano felt that having it early in the year would be a

great way to kick off the school year. It was a great day for the school. They began scanning ID's now for students who enter the building late and scanning licenses of all visitors entering North. 1385 enrollment at North right now. Please go to the meetings and get informed.

School Clothing Sale: Started yesterday and will continue until the Fall Festival. We have some samples on display. There are no returns or exchanges. **Class parent and alternate parent** names were announced. There will be a meeting for class parent / alternate parents on Wednesday, October 4th at 7:30pm. **Box Tops:** Please save them and send them in. There will be incentives for the kids, it will be fun! **Fall Festival** is on October 14th. This year we will have scheduled events, hula-hoop contest, photo booth, cotton candy, popcorn, amazing raffle prizes, and many many more things for the children. We still need volunteers. It's going to be a fun day! **All For books:** Karla Gangi presented a basket with books for all grades K-6. We were able to purchase these books for the classrooms with money collected from All For Books last year. **Pink Book:** Please consider volunteering for something. Some committees still need chairs or co-chairs. **Confidentiality of class list:** Once the list goes out, please do not share it with anyone.

**Thank you to everyone who attended this meeting tonight and we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on
October 24th at 7:00**