

Love of Learning Montessori School

PTA Meeting Tuesday, September 1

Minutes

- I. Many parents attended the meeting, including many new families.
- II. Mr. Thompson gave a quick update on the school. He thanked the PTA for their fundraising efforts last year and explained that the PTA's fundraising efforts supported the extra activities for our children.

Kerry Carlson, who manages the school website, explained that this year most communication from the office will be through the internet. All parent news, school menus and important dates will all be online. Printable permission slips and lunch tickets will also be online at www.loveoflearning.org

- III. Keri Puglisi discussed the role of the PTA and the importance of parent participation both at the meetings and at the activities throughout the year. There is one PTA for both Dix Hills and Centerport campuses & we would love to have as many families as possible participate! We need coordinators & helpers for many of the major events held throughout the year.

We discussed the important role class parents will play. These parents act as a resource for each class and partner with the PTA on events, questions and suggestions. **We are still in need of class parents for the upper grades at Centerport and one for the Dix Hills Campus. Please contact Keri if interested at keridesigns@yahoo.com.**

- IV. The group reviewed and discussed the options for parent participation at the school. We focused on encouraging participation at any level to ensure all families are included. We discussed each planned activity and several people volunteered for coordinator and supporter roles (see updated volunteer sheet). **More volunteers are needed. We are especially in need of a food/snack coordinator at the Dix Hills campuses. Please contact the office for more information.**
- V. The fundraisers we did last year were discussed and decided to continue with them for the coming year. There is plenty of room for volunteers. =) Please

contact Keri Puglisi at keridesigns@yahoo.com for more information if you are interested. The idea to have a second book fair in the spring was suggested to kick off the Read to Succeed program. A coordinator is needed for that as well.

- VI.** The next PTA meeting will be Thursday October 14th at 7:30 and will be an informational meeting on Montessori and extending ideas to the home. This is one meeting you will DEFININTELY want to attend!

Another important date to note on your calendar: the Fall Potluck Dinner on **Sunday, October 24 from 4:00 pm - 7pm**. This is a chance to meet other families from Love of Learning and share a family favorite dish. The event is always well attended and we'll hope you all join us!

There will be an elementary orientation in the coming weeks, so look for that in your Parents News.

Thank you for your interest and support!