



There was a meeting of the Friends of North Syracuse Early Education, Inc. on September 21, 2017 at Main Street School.

**Attendance:** Hal Breon, Shari Doherty, Janet Gonçalves, Trisha Harp, Jennifer Higgs, Dawn Hussein, Linda Kurpiewski, Sara MacMartin, Danielle O'Brian, Catherine Podolak, and Kate Zacharek. Special guests in attendance were Jen Thayer and Jill Trubia.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm.

Jennifer Higgs made the motion to approve the minutes from August 10, 2017 meeting. Linda Kurpiewski seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**\*Treasurer's Report:** There is currently \$51,957.69 on deposit with \$24,888.57 tied up with encumbered funds and budget commitments and \$27,069.12 in dispensable funds. The expenses for the month totaled \$0.00. Income for the month totaled \$56.43. Shari Doherty made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and prepared. Kate Zacharek seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**\*Wish Requests:** Jen Thayer and Jill Trubia were in attendance to discuss the need for Apple iPads. The iPads will be helping the speech therapists with both IEP students along with typical peers.

- Much of the technology used on the iPads gives a voice to many of the students.

- There is not a lot of memory on the current iPads that the therapists are using at the time of the meeting. As a result, in order to free up space, therapists are deleting pictures and applications to make room for newer items.

- The iPads are currently being used for cooking, game play, data collection, and communication between non-verbal students and their peers and teachers.

- The iPads got a unanimous approval from the board and as with the other tablets in the building, there will be a user agreement that will need to be signed by each of the speech therapists during the school year and again during the summer sessions.

**Metal Basketball Hoop:** to replace the plastic one that is being used in the building right now. The Hoop got a unanimous approval from the board.

**Mclaren Special Needs Stroller:** the current one is over 20 years old and has been through a lot of repairs over the years. The stroller was put to the rubric and passed.

**Sensory Table with lid and Hand Puppets:** the puppets help building language skills, developing creativity, and using imagination. The table and puppet were put to the rubric and passed, pending the approval of the sand and water table that was donated.

**\*Fall Fundraiser Ideas:** Krispy Kreme donut sale, Texas Road House biscuit sale, quilts and totes from Hal Breon's sister, and Delta Sonic Car Wash tickets sale were discussed as options.

\***Walk-A-Thon:** The date for the walk-a-thon is set for **Friday, March 2nd, 2018**. Jessica Kurpiewski and Danielle O'Brian will be co-chairing the event.

\***Therapy Ball** is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, April 12th, 2018** pending approval from Barbagallo's. This will be the 10th anniversary of Therapy Ball! Possibly do a then and now collage of students from the past with students that are currently enrolled at Main Street.

\***Grant ideas for Syracuse University Class:** Replacing tables and chairs in the cafeteria, or possibly replace the mulch with a rubber pad type ground cover.

\***School News:** Main Street just received the paperwork for Al Stirpe money. There are still quite a few open spots for half day school enrollment for this year.

\***Open Discussion:** Lockers and carpet look nice and there were lots of extra carpet samples left behind. Time to start working on the signage out front very soon, possibly something that also scrolls.

Sara MacMartin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kate Zacharek seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously at 7:51 pm.

The next meeting will be held on October 19, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Main Street School.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Harp