

**Country Parkway PTA Meeting  
December 12, 2022**

**Attendees:**

President - Beth-Anne McPhillips  
Treasurer- Amanda Durkin  
VP of Technology- Danielle Hartman  
VP- Danielle Alba  
SEPTSA Rep – Daniel Heims

Principal Andrew Bowen

- PUNT Coin Drive → top classes will get popcorn party
- Country Parkway's Literacy Goals (presentation)
  - o New reading units coming out next year
  - o Cursive is being taught in classrooms (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - o Spelling & Grammar
    - Phonics surrounding meaningful spelling instructions
    - Brand new program with 5-day cycle to be embedded in classrooms
  - o Diversity Equity Inclusion
    - Literature "windows & mirrors"
    - Book offerings – libraries are like gardens that need to be tended
    - Always refreshing book catalog to bring the new and diverse to the library
  - o Reading workshops are being updated
    - Reading College is bringing us decodable texts
    - February – World Read Aloud extension activity
      - K-grade 4 (a modified activity will be offered to UPK students)
  - o Always striving to improve

Board of Education Highlights – Superintendent Dr. Brown-Hall

- BOE will meet next on December 13, 2022
- District has hired new Director of IT
- Expanding use of Chromebooks
- Seeking to get more functionality out of currently accessible software
- A new phone system will be installed over winter break
- New move to Gmail

Superintendent Report– Superintendent Dr. Brown-Hall

- This coming Thursday: Restorative Practices – Heim @ 6 pm
- DEI & Kids Escaping Drugs
  - o Focus on damages from posting on social media
  - o Looking into offering at end of school year
- 23-24 Budget Discussion/Challenges
  - o Sales tax revenue is down from Erie County Comptroller
  - o Coupled with increase to teachers

- Increased foundation aid from State per Governor Hochul
- Days off
  - Discussions around mid-winter February break
  - Additional days off are being requested of district to be more representative of student body
  - May require change to February break
- District will be incorporating the solar eclipse into curriculum
  - Eclipse will take place starting at 3:08 pm on April 8<sup>th</sup> during the 23-24 school year
  - WNY is in the best line of viewing
  - Looking at ½ day of instruction on solar eclipse
- June – possible Memory Walk for seniors to visit elementary schools
- Final District Rebranding is underway
  - 3 new logo options
  - RFP for district website redesign
  - Overseen by Communication Team
  - New District mission will be announced 12/13
  - Looking for parent involvement on matters of wellness, safety, and technology

VOTE – Should Country Parkway PTA contribute to PTSA fund to purchase solar glasses for CP students for \$228.00? Passed Unanimously

Updates included:

- PTSA Update – presented by Danielle Hartman on behalf of Laura Tevens
  - Craft show \$20,000 raised and goes towards scholarship
- SEPTSA Update – Daniel Heims
  - Meeting rescheduled to January 23, 2023
  - Grant application for teachers for Special Education resources
    - Will be forwarded to teachers
- 4th Grade Student Council
  - 17 parents (9 parents coming to 1st meeting)
  - Sign Up genius going out to ask parents to be team leaders
- Winter Wishes “wrap up” - Waiting on expenses
- Reflections deadline being pushed to 12/23
- Adult Night Out - Jan 13 - Axe throwing at Buffalo Bad Axe in Clarence
- Yearbook re-order from 2021-2022 ●
- Star Wars Night - Bison tickets will go on sale soon
- Looking for nominations/volunteers to fill roles on the PTA Executive Board for 23-24 school year → if interested, contact Beth-Anne McPhillips at [countrypkwypta@gmail.com](mailto:countrypkwypta@gmail.com)