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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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### SEPTA Membership

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PTA

145 Merle Avenue, Oceanside NY 11572

## OCEANSIDE SEPTA MISSION STATEMENT

SEPTA is a Special Education Parent Teacher Association, whose members include: parents, caregivers, teachers, and therapists of exceptional children as well as other staff and members of the Oceanside School community. We sponsor workshops, speakers and events about a variety of issues and concerns of exceptional students and their families and their inclusion in our community. We keep abreast of recent educational legislation that affects our students. Anyone connected to the Oceanside school district is encouraged to join.

To provide a resource for information applicable to a wide variety of exceptional children presentations, workshops and the Internet. To improve communication between parents, school staff and administration. To be involved in decisions affecting exceptional children in the school community. To educate and sensitize the Oceanside School community to children who are differently abled.



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### Special Education Parent Teacher Association

General Meeting  
& Workshop

October 6, 2010  
7:00 PM  
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School #2  
2745 Terrell Avenue  
Oceanside, NY 11572

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2010-2011

PAULETTE PALMER PRESIDENT  
KATHY KAMINSKY VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP  
ELLEN HISIGER VICE PRESIDENT FUNDRAISING  
VICKY CARACIOLO TREASURER  
PAT BLOCK RECORDING SECRETARY  
MARY MESSLER CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

### PAST PRESIDENTS

ELLEN CAPRINO PAST CO-PRESIDENT  
VALERIE DECLARA PAST CO-PRESIDENT

*An exceptional PTA, for the  
exceptional student, parent & teacher.*

# AGENDA & MINUTES

Call to Order & Welcome..... Paulette Palmer  
Pledge of Allegiance .....Association

## REPORTS

Minutes of 9/15/2010 ..... Pat Block  
Treasurer's Report ..... Vicky Caraciolo  
President's Report..... Paulette Palmer  
Vice President's Report ..... Kathy Kaminsky  
..... Ellen Hisiger  
Legislation.....Danielle Brooks  
Workshops.....Danielle Brooks  
Council ..... Diane Olmstead & Shari Kwait  
Advisor ..... Dr. Jill DeRosa  
Teacher Delegates  
Old Business  
New Business  
Adjournment ..... Next Meeting - 10/29

## MINUTES

**September 15, 2010** - School #5

The meeting as called to order at 7:00pm. The flag was saluted and President Paulette Palmer welcomed the membership.

The slate for SEPTA's 2010-2011 Executive Board were welcomed and introduced:

President-Paulette Palmer  
Vice President Membership-Kathy Kaminsky  
Vice President Fundraising-Ellen Hisiger  
Treasurer-Vicki Caraciolo  
Recording Secretary-Pat Block  
Corresponding Secretary-Mary Messler  
Council Delegates-Shari Kwait &  
Diane Olmstead

Treasurers Report- End of the year report & Proposed Budget were approved, opening balance of \$7,670.68 was reported and approved. An audit of our books for the 2009-2010 school year was done over the summer and our books are in

good order.

Mary DiGiovanna agreed to be on the Nominating Committee from the floor and Kathy Kaminsky and Pat Block are from the Executive Board. All were approved.

A By-Laws Committee was nominated as follows Ellen Hisiger, MaryMessler and Mary DiGiovanna. All were voted in as a block.

Kathy Kaminsky spoke about membership. It is hoped our membership will increase this year after a decrease from the previous year.

Ellen Hisiger told us that 450 of the 600 calendars ordered were taken by the other schools in the district. SEPTA will try to sell 150 remaining calendars.

The Legislation Meeting for the district will be held November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at OHS.

Danielle Brooks spoke about the workshops that are coming up this year.

- October 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting & Workshop, Dyslexia at School #2, 7pm-Cafeteria.
- November 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting & Workshop, Sensory Processing, 7pm at OMS (#9M)
- January 12<sup>th</sup> PASS & SEPTA joint Meeting, Ryan's Story, Bullying Workshop, 7:30pm
- January 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting & Workshop, Special Education Expo, 7pm at School #8 Gym

Dr. Jill DeRosa our new advisor introduced all the staff from the district who attended the meeting.

Our speaker for tonight is Dr. Steven Aletkin, a professor from Adelphi University. He will be discussing the differences between ADD and ADHD. He will discuss how each is diagnosed and treated.

The meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Block, *Recording Secretary*

## WORKSHOP

### Dyslexia

Presented by

**John McGrath, Esq.**

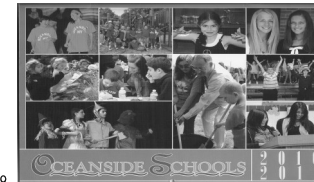
of the Long Island Dyslexia Association

The Long Island Branch of The International Dyslexia Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, scientific and educational organization which was formed to increase public awareness of dyslexia in the Long Island area of New York. We have been serving individuals with dyslexia, their families, and professionals in the field in this community for over 25 years.

We are a resource and support system for parents, dyslexics, and educators. Many of our members are actively involved in the diagnosis and remediation of dyslexia. Our members are educators, psychologists, physicians, individuals with dyslexia, and parents who have dealt with learning disability issues within local public and private schools.

[www.lidyslexia.org](http://www.lidyslexia.org)

## Mini School Calendars!



*Please make all checks payable to:  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Calendars \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5= \_\_\_\_\_

Cash or Check Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Please Call: Ellen Hisiger  
524-8343