

Si usted quiere acceso a las minutas de esta reunión en español comuníquese con la junta ejecutiva del PTO.

As a parent of a child at Barbieri you are a member of the Barbieri PTO.

All parents are welcome to meetings. Childcare is provided. This meeting is held in English and Spanish.

Thank you to the PTO Board for providing refreshments for the PTO meeting.

Attendance: approximately thirty parents including PTO board, Principal Dr. McGilvary-Rivet, Ms. Hardy 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Moore – Music Teacher

PTO Board

- Cristina Sandza-Donovan – President
- Lisa Cohen – Co-Vice President
- Joselyne Ramos – Co-Vice President
- Nora Langan – Treasurer
- Kelly Mitchell – Corresponding Secretary
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Townwide PTO

- Lori Greene is our current Townwide PTO representative.
- Lori Greene – townwide PTO representative – gave a summary of the last Townwide PTO meeting held at Walsh School.
- Principal of Walsh discussed programs they have at their school.
- Potter Road School spoke about their program called Kids with a Cause that focuses on social issues.
- Dues for Townwide PTO are \$50.00.
- No Townwide PTO fundraiser currently planned.
- A binder containing information about the PTO is required for each PTO to have in each PTO's school office. Barbieri is currently compiling the needed documentation/information.
- For PTO events that involve food there may be health department requirements.
- The treasurers of the PTOs will meet with Michael Barry – Attorney at Law who advises the PTOs - to discuss the insurance coverage of each PTO.
- October 27 Child Cybersafe program at the Framingham Public (Main) Library
 - Townwide PTO and Framingham Public Library are presenting Parenting Program: Cybersafe With Author Gwenn Schurgin O'Keeffe, MD, FAAP
- Go Public! was highlighted at the Townwide meeting. Go Public! is a campaign to provide information about the many higher education opportunities through the Massachusetts system of community colleges & state universities.

Townwide PTO Representatives

- Any parent can attend Townwide PTO, but Barbieri has a right to three representatives who have a vote at meetings.
- Candidates for Townwide PTO: Lori Greene, Laura Leaver, Ivette Montanez, Corey Spaulding.
- Lori Greene, Laura Leaver, Ivette Montanez spoke at the meeting. Corey Spaulding was not able to attend, and Ms. Spaulding's asked Nora Langan to read her statement.
 - Lori Greene – previous representative, Townwide PTO for Blocks.
 - Laura Leaver – special interests with SAGE and special needs, children attend Barbieri and Blocks.
 - Ivette Montanez – special interests is to give a voice to Spanish speaking parents.

- Corey Spaulding - former vice president of PTO, started English Language Learner classes at Barbieri for parents, advocating for student and parent issues.
 - As Nora Langan, PTO treasurer, read Corey Spaulding's statement, the PTO President stated the need to stop the reading of the statement due to the potentially defamatory accusations.
 - Robert's Rules of Order were invoked in order to cease the reading of the statement.
 - The comments were ruled as out of order.
 - The President commented further about how Ms. Spaulding has made many contributions to our school, and we thank her for her services.
 - There was a motion to move on. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.
- There was a ballot vote. The votes were counted, and Dr. McGilvary-Rivet presided over the count.

Important Dates (*Some, but not all important dates*) October

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| ● Food Drive –Pathways shelter | Month of October |
| ● No School Professional Day | Fri., October 7 |
| ● No School Columbus Day | Mon., October 10 |
| ● Barbieri School Council | Wed., October 12 at 8:00 am |
| ● Restaurant Night | Wed., October 12 – Kelly's Roast Beef |
| ● Picture Day | Thu., October 13 |
| ● Town Wide PTO | Thu., October 13, 7-9pm at BLOCKS |
| ● Revolution Soccer Game | Sat., October 15 |
| ● Early Release | Thu., October 20 |
| ● Fall Indoor Yard Sale | Sat., October 22 |
| ● Early Release | Thu., October 27 |
| ● Family Math Night | Thu., October 27 at 6:30 pm |

Thank yous

Thank Yous for Volunteering since Our Last Meeting (Tell me if I missed someone!)

- CARE Student of the Week bulletin board - Melanie Palma, Corey Spaulding, Laura Palmer, Malishia Dee Ortega.
- Landscaping in by the Front Doors - Priscilla Remis and family and the Cohen family for beautifying the front of the building by planting flowers.
- Kindergarten Picnic - Melissa Abreu-Cunningham, Gretchen DeMore, Wendy Habeski, Kim Mills, Melanie Palma, Laura Palmer, Sarah Smith, Stephanie Spalding, Karen Kornbau.
- Fall Fundraiser - Lana Lessem for running the fall fundraiser and posting documents from Friday folders.
- Summer Reading Celebration - Margaret Fawley, Lisa Cohen, Laura Palmer, Jeanne Hampton, Brett Berkman.
- Translation - Livia Córdova, Teresa Burke, and José Valencia for continued help with translation at PTO meetings.
- Book Fair - co-chairs Nancy Swallow, Kim High, Laura Leaver. Volunteers Livia Córdova, Gretchen DeMore, Susi Leeming, Kim Mills, Melanie Palma, Laura Palmer, Joselyne Ramos, Jenny Schulman, Carlos Avila, Melissa Abreu-Cunningham, Nora Langan, Emily Cullen, Beth Goldfarb.
- Barbieri Garden-Chris Pearce, Katy Shander-Reynolds, Jim Hansen, Claire Oliphant, Matthew Oliphant, Elizabeth Lehnertz, Nora Langan, Chuck O'Neill, Luis Aguilar and Maricarmen.
 - Kids: Hannah Pearce, Chloe Pearce, Sagan Oliphant, Emily Dupcak, Thomas O'Neil Leif Hansen, Toby Hansen, Jon Carlos O'Neil, Michael Neenan, Kira Neenan.
 - Lana Lessem made a banner for us to thank our donors, Luis donated a blower for the garden
- Drama Club - Thank you to Susi Leeming for starting up Drama Club again this year.

School Budget Discussion/Town Meeting Process

- Greg Palmer, Loren Puffer, and Don Taggart gave a presentation on how the Town Meeting process relates to our school's budget/resources
- Town Meeting Process begins with meetings in spring and goes into June. Special Town Meetings are held when needed. The next special Town meeting is October 18
 - Articles come up during meetings about schools, town business, and other town related concerns.
 - Presentations are made, motions are made, and articles are voted on.
 - Special Town Meeting on October 18.
- There are meetings and sub-committees that push for more money and restoring funds to our schools: secretary, aides, library staff, bus issues, teacher positions.
- Many precincts (precincts 3, 8, 10, 12, 16, 17, 18) do not have full representation. You can come to the October 18th meeting and be sworn in without signatures. No signatures are required because the positions are still vacant after the last elections.
- Feel free to contact your Town Meeting Representative about your concerns and issues. Your representative wants your opinion, perspective, and ideas.
- The question What do you do when you have an issue? was asked by a Barbieri parent. The advice was to talk to the school (teacher & principal) first. Depending on the nature of the issue, a parent may also want to contact superintendent, school committee, administrators, town meeting representatives.
- You can contact your town meeting representative and the school committee to let them know your concerns and needs for our school.
- School Committee Administrative Assistant – Ann Greenberg, Ms. Greenberg's email is agreenbe@framingham.k12.ma.us.
 - Emails sent to Ms. Greenberg for the School Committee are forwarded to all the committee members.

Barbieri Magnets

- Gretchen DeMore proposes Barbieri car magnets as a fundraiser.
- Car magnets will say Barbieri. Sell them for \$5.00 or \$6.00 for a profit.
- An order of 250 costs \$134.00.
- An order of 500 costs \$527.00.
- Motion to buy 500 for \$527.00 (includes shipping).
- There was a motion to use PTO funds to buy the magnets, so that PTO can sell the magnets for a fundraiser. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.
- Thank you Ms. DeMore for bringing this fundraiser to our attention.

Artists in Residence Program Mrs. Moore – music teacher

- Mrs. Moore is proposing to bring the Africa West Trio percussion group to Barbieri as artists-in-residence for the students.
- A music grant secured last year by Mrs. Moore allowed us to obtain 19 tubanos (conga-like drums) for the music classroom.
- The drums are currently used in 2nd - 5th grades. The children are enjoying having the opportunity to express themselves through drumming.
- Drums are a great teaching tool; Drums promote the concept of a community of musicians, listening skills, musical skills, and team-building skills.
- Through the process of learning drums, the C.A.R.E. (care, academics, respect, effort) values are re-enforced.
- Mrs. Moore has incorporated the drums into the curriculum, and she hopes to increase the use of drums

throughout all the grades.

- Mrs. Moore will be developing programs that will enable the students to grow in skill and knowledge of drum/percussions as they continue their years at Barbieri. She is hoping to start a Percussion Ensemble after the completion of this Artist-in-Residence program.
- The drum program will be unique to Barbieri and ties in well with the culture of the school.
- Mrs. Moore's research on drums lead her to discover the Africa West Trio. She has taken three summer classes in "World Music Drumming". One of her instructors is a member of the Africa West Trio.
- Africa West Trio is a group of percussion artists that have traveled the world studying, performing, and teaching children to adults African and Afro-Caribbean music. They are currently based out of Baldwin-Wallace College as an ensemble-in-residence. Baldwin-Wallace has a world-renowned conservatory of music.
- The Africa West Trio will focus on Latin drumming with our children.
- The artists would meet with the 2nd – 5th graders daily working with the classroom drums and the percussion instruments the artists bring.
- K & 1st would meet with them twice during the week.
- At the end of the week there would be a student performance.
- There is a possibility that we would be able to tie the Africa West Trio with our Multicultural Night for a featured performance by the Trio.
- Mrs. Moore has been working to have the Africa West Trio come to Barbieri as artists-in-residence for a week of drum/percussion workshops. She has written several grants in order to cover the cost of the weeklong artists-in-residence program. Mrs. Moore has applied for \$9,500 of grants funding (more than necessary for the week-long program).
- Mrs. Moore is asking for financial support from the PTO if the grants are not sufficiently funded.
- This is a wonderful opportunity for our children.
- Dr. McGilvrey-Rivet supports bringing the artists in.
- Mrs. Moore is excited about the opportunity to bring this program to our children and has offered to have them stay at her home to reduce the cost of their week-long visit.
- For more information about the Africa West Trio, you may visit their website: www.africawesttrio.org.

Bus Driver Appreciation Friday, October 14

- This is a positive, social event.
- This is an opportunity for Barbieri to show the bus drivers how important they are to us and that they are a major part of our child's school experience.
- Transportation concerns, issues, and complaints with bus drivers/new company should be discussed with Richard Gallagher (Director of Transportation), director of the bus company, bus drivers, dispatchers at another time.
- Volunteers are needed to bring food and help out with the event. Contact Gia Jobin gia@jobindesign.net to volunteer.
- Dr. McGilvary-Rivet will introduce the C.A.R.E program to the bus drivers in order to maintain C.A.R.E. values on the bus, too. The focus is the C.A.R.E bus of the month.

Principal's Report

- Dr. McGilvary-Rivet is overjoyed to have our new driveway/parking lot complete.
 - The children on busses are now all arriving on time and some busses arrive before 9:00. This allows for students to eat breakfast and arrive in good time to their classes.
 - The dismissal busses are going well, but there is room for improvement on timing of the busses.
 - Rick Gallagher (Director of Transportation) is aware of the busses that are habitually late at the end of the day.
 - He is re-working the busses that are habitually late in order to time the busses better.

- The busses all have working seatbelts. The bus drivers are working on re-inforcing the use of seatbelts.
- The bus drivers are not accustomed to working with our children. Dr. McGilvary-Rivet is discussing ways with the bus drivers to handle bus management in a positive manner.
- Kim High's family is hosting our international teacher aide for the year. The teacher's name is Adrina Herrero Garcia.
 - The teacher is at no cost to Barbieri. She is sponsored by the International Spanish Academies.
- Family & Community Outreach committee – Teacher committee compiled the communication surveys and is working to understand the best way to communicate with families.

Treasurer's Report Nora Langan

- Fall Fundraiser – Final numbers are not in for the fundraiser, but it looks like we have exceeded our goal.
- La Carreta Restaurant Fundraiser – brought in \$194.00. This is the most money we have made on a restaurant night.
- A loan was made with the kindergarten and they have paid the loan in full/
- Last PTO meeting the members present voted on a shed for the raised bed garden area, and the shed was bought.
- Math Coach Ms. Barstow and Ms. (Coleman) Sorgi asked for babysitting money for Math Night.
- There was a motion to add Math Night babysitting to our School Link Services for one night a year. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.
- The bill for books purchase by the Framingham School District's Central Librarian will be paid, but has not been paid yet.

PTO Presidents Meeting

- Wendy Habeski – kindergarten parent and Blocks PTO Co-President – reported on the PTO Presidents meeting.
- There was a presentation on Standardized testing.
- Full year of growth learning. A student learns specific concepts throughout the year and is able to master the concepts by the end of the year.
 - Tier one – 80% of children learn through tier one. Tier one is teaching/learning styles that enables 80% of children to reach their full year of growth.
 - Tier two – 20% of children need additional/different ways of learning in order to meet the full year of growth. Tier two focuses on teaching/learning styles that are additional/alternative that enable the 20% of children to reach their full year of growth.
 - There are no resources for elementary schools to help the students that are in the area of learning more than a full year of growth in a year.
 - The presidents talked about sharing information so that best practices can be done at all schools.
 - Dr. McGilvary-Rivet and our teachers are working with the Think Math curriculum to use differentiatial resources for students who need additional/alternative services in order to meet the full year of growth.
- Juniper School playground restoration approved.

Future Topics

Please contact any of the PTO Board members on topics that you would like to discuss.

- Cristina Sandza-Donovan – President, sandzadonovanpto@gmail.com
- Lisa Cohen – Co-Vice President, LisaSCohen@aol.com
- Joselynn Ramos – Co-Vice President, josey317@msn.com
- Nora Langan – Treasurer, nonebug@yahoo.com
- Kelly Mitchell – Corresponding Secretary, kellylmitchell@hotmail.com

- Emily Cullen – Recording Secretary, thecullens7@verizon.net

Results of Townwide PTO Representative Election

- Thank you to Lori Greene, Laura Leaver, Ivette Montanez, and Corey Spaulding for volunteering to be Townwide PTO Representatives.
- Any parent of a child in the Framingham School District is welcome to attend Townwide PTO meetings.
- Lori Greene, Laura Leaver, and Ivette Montanez are our elected Townwide PTO Representatives.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. There was a second on the motion. The motion passed.