

***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 Beth Goldfarb for hosting the PTO Social and meeting.

Attendance: approximately 70 parents including PTO board, Principal Dr. McGilvary-Rivet, Mrs. MacKay 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Ms. Hardy 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher

### **PTO Board**

- Cristina Sandza-Donovan – President
- Lisa Cohen – Co-Vice President
- Joselynn Ramos – Co-Vice President
- Nora Langan – Treasurer
- Kelly Mitchell – Corresponding Secretary
- Emily Cullen – Recording Secretary

### **Elections**

- Joselynn Ramos and Lisa Cohen were nominated for vice president at the June meeting.
- There was a motion to have a vote for co - vice presidents. There was a second on the motion. The motion passed.
- There was a vote for Joselynn Ramos and Lisa Cohen. Lisa Cohen and Joselynn Ramos were voted in as co-vice presidents.

### **Robert's Rules of Order**

- There was a motion to suspend Robert's Rules of Order. There was a second on the motion. The motion passed.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- There are many fundraising and social events throughout the year sponsored by the PTO. Many of the events have committees that have vacant positions. A hard copy of the volunteer opportunities was passed around, and parents signed up.
- If you would like to volunteer for a committee, please contact the committee chair or a PTO Board member. The volunteer roster is on the Barbieri website under the PTO tab.
- If you would prefer to speak to someone about the positions available, please contact a member of the PTO Board.
- Treasurer – Nora Langan's term as treasurer is ending at the finish of the school year. Please contact Nora, if you are interested in shadowing Nora this year to learn more about the treasurer role.
- Townwide PTO – All parents are welcome to Townwide PTO meetings.
  - Barbieri is allowed three Townwide PTO representatives that vote on issues.
  - There are currently four parents interested in the representative positions.
  - There will be a vote for the representatives at the October meeting.

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

- Innisbrook Fall Fundraiser – September 12-23, Coordinator - Lana Lessem, 508-620-6612  
[Llessem@yahoo.com](mailto:Llessem@yahoo.com)
  - Our goal for the Fall Fundraiser is to raise \$10,000.
- Barbieri School Council Meeting – September 14
  - School Council is an open meeting for any parent/guardian who is interested.

- Book Fair – September 14 – 22, Coordinator – Nancy Witty 508-820-3001 [barbieribookfair@yahoo.com](mailto:barbieribookfair@yahoo.com)
  - During the day classes go to the Book Fair at assigned times.
  - The Book Fair is open to families during K-2 and 3-5 Open Houses.
- Open House K-2 – September 15 7:00 pm
- Open House 3-5 – September 22 7:00 pm
- Townwide PTO – September 19 at Walsh School.
  - Any parent/guardian is welcome to attend Townwide PTO meetings.
  - At Townwide PTO meetings topics on schools and the District are presented and discussed.
  - The principal of the hosting school gives a presentation.
- Summer Reading Celebration - Friday September 23 *tentative date*
  - You still have time to send in your summer reading form. The forms are online in Spanish and English [http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/curric\\_sumread.cfm](http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/curric_sumread.cfm)
  - Mrs. Fawley – Barbieri’s Literacy Specialist will be coordinating the event. School phone number to contact Mrs.Fawley to volunteer 508-626-9187, and Mrs. Fawley’s direct email [mfawley@framingham.k12.ma.us](mailto:mfawley@framingham.k12.ma.us)
  - The focus of the event will be on the joy of reading.
  - Mrs. Fawley will need help filling out certificates and organizing books.
- Restaurant Night – The location of the restaurant night will change throughout the year.
  - Restaurant Nights are a Barbieri social, fundraiser event. Families come and eat at the restaurant. Fifteen to twenty percent of the profits from the meal price goes to Barbieri.
  - The restaurant committee will choose the restaurant. Any suggestions contact Beth Goldfarb Beth Goldfarb [bethgoldfarb@hotmail.com](mailto:bethgoldfarb@hotmail.com), 508-735-0961.
  - La Carreta is the first restaurant of the year for Restaurant Night.
  - La Carreta Information  
270 Cochituate Rd.  
Framingham, MA 01701  
Phone Number (508) 283-311
- Rosh Hashanah– Sept. 29 & 30, No School
- Kim Mills ([Kam9697@yahoo.com](mailto:Kam9697@yahoo.com), 508-788-9105) is coordinating the kindergarten picnic.
  - Need 1<sup>st</sup> grade parents to volunteer, so that the kindergarten parents can focus on getting to know each other.
- Class Picnics
  - 1<sup>st</sup> grade - Wednesday, September 14, [joselynnne.ramos@gmail.com](mailto:joselynnne.ramos@gmail.com) 774-279-9039
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Friday, September 16, [sandzadonovanPTO@gmail.com](mailto:sandzadonovanPTO@gmail.com) 508-872-0275
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Monday, September 19, [kellylmitchell@hotmail.com](mailto:kellylmitchell@hotmail.com) 508-405-0525
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade - Wednesday, September 21, [SarahMoo@aol.com](mailto:SarahMoo@aol.com) 508-877-9783
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade - Tuesday, September 13, [LisaSCohen@aol.com](mailto:LisaSCohen@aol.com) 508-944-8610
  - **\*\*\*Rain Date for ALL grades Friday, September 23\*\*\***
- Indoor Yard Sale – October 22
  - Save all of your old clothes, dishes, knick-knacks, and toys and drop them off the week before the yard sale.
  - The yard sale is a major fundraiser for Barbieri. The more items you bring in the more potential we have to raise money for Barbieri.

## Thank yous

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

- Beth Goldfarb & Kelly Mitchell – copy guidelines document.
- Paul Neenan for Active Wear Sales during summer particularly at Kindergarten bus orientation.
- Gretchen DeMore & Jessica Mooraj for coordinating informal play dates for incoming students.
- Lana Lessem for continuously setting up our bulletin board in the school lobby.

- Teresa Burke for continued help with translation at PTO meetings.
- Colleen Lynch & Ivette Montanez – greeters at PTO meeting.
- All parents who contributed to putting together a staff luncheon for day before the first day of school.
- We thank all of you who have signed up for committees for this year, and there are still many positions open to volunteer.
  - Please help us fill these positions.
  - Please refer to our Volunteer Roster. The volunteer roster was passed around at the PTO meeting. On-line version is under the PTO tab on the Barbieri website.
  - If you would prefer to speak to someone about the positions available, please contact a member of the PTO Board.

### **Post minutes on the bulletin board?**

- A suggestion was made to post meeting minutes on the bulletin board in the entrance to the school.
- If you would like a hard copy of the minutes and you do not have computer access, contact Emily Cullen PTO recording secretary (508) 877-6654. An electronic copy of the meeting minutes is posted on the Barbieri website.
  - It takes time for the minutes to be posted on the Barbieri website. The recording secretary compiles the information from the meeting, and the PTO board reviews the minutes for accuracy.
  - Si usted quiere acceso a las minutas de esta reunión en español comuníquese con la junta ejecutiva del PTO, Cristina Sandza-Donovan - sandzadonovanpto@gmail.com, (508) 872-0275.
- A suggestion was made to add contact information of the PTO on the board in the foyer.
- A suggestion was made to post the agenda on the board before and after the meeting.

### **Barbieri Loop**

- The Barbieri Loop is a separate entity from PTO.
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- In order to be added to the Loop, send an email to José Valencia [elpalomo05@yahoo.com](mailto:elpalomo05@yahoo.com).

### **Translators**

- José Valencia – active member of the PTO, has 7<sup>th</sup> grader who went through Barbieri and a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, volunteer district approved translator, feel free to speak Spanish or English with him.
- Teresa Burke – active member of the PTO, has 2<sup>nd</sup> grader and little one at home, volunteer district approved translator, feel free to speak Spanish or English with her.
- Volunteer Translators Needed – in order to translate information for the school, you must be district approved. If you would like to go through the process of becoming a volunteer district approved translator, please contact Cristina Sandza-Donovan - sandzadonovanpto@gmail.com, (508) 872-0275.

### **New Business**

- Teacher & Staff before School Starts Lunch
  - For the last few years parents have provided lunch to teachers and staff the day before school starts. This luncheon is not on the calendar.
  - The day before school starts is an in school preparation day for teachers and staff. Teachers and staff prepare throughout the summer for our children, but the day before school is their final day of preparation.
  - A suggestion was made to make the lunch an annual event in appreciation for the teachers and staff.
- Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Program - Joy Greenwald is the coordinator.
  - Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Program - sign up your Stop & Shop card number and Barbieri earns money based on your spending. This is a free program for you and the school.
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade student deadline to sign up for instrument lessons is Friday, September 9.

- End of the Year Fifth Grade Committee – Lana Lessem 508-620-6612 [Llessem@yahoo.com](mailto:Llessem@yahoo.com) & Gia Jobin 508-872-5970 [Gia@jobindesign.net](mailto:Gia@jobindesign.net)
- Garden Project - parent contact Chris Pearce (Chris Pearce 508-875-6309 [chrispearce@hotmail.com](mailto:chrispearce@hotmail.com)), teacher contact Mrs. Shander Reynolds.
  - A hand-out was passed around at the meeting containing the following information.
    1. Project Goal: To convert the previously unused tennis court space behind the school into a raised-bed garden space that can be incorporated into the Barbieri curriculum and eventually integrated with our new school Bistro and composting program.
    2. Volunteers are needed to help build the raised beds with donated supplies and up-keep the gardens.
  - The Garden Project is buying a shed with donated funds (non-PTO funds).
  - There was a motion to buy the larger shed. There was a second on the motion. The motion passed.

### **Teacher Request**

Teacher Mrs. MacKay, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, speaking on behalf of kindergarten teachers.

- Kindergarten fieldtrip to HoneyPot Hil Orchard- \$680.00 for busing. The kindergarten teacher is asking for a loan or help with reducing the fee.
- PTO does not subsidize fieldtrips.
- There was a motion to lend bus money for the fieldtrip. There was a second on the motion. The motion passed.

### **Principal's Report**

- Parent Communication Survey is coming out in Friday Folders.
  - A survey to help determine in what ways our school can communicate best with all of our parents. Please return it as soon as possible.
- Driveway
  - Once the driveway is finished, the pick-up/drop-off routine will change.
  - Buses will be in the old driveway, and the cars will go in the new driveway.
  - Information will be sent out about the new pick-up/drop-off routine once the project is complete.
- C.A.R.E. program – Care for our school, Academics – focus on academics, Respect – respect ourselves and each other, Effort – give our best effort
  - Sun symbol is a positive reinforcement tool – suns are handed out in class, hallways, en el bistro. Students place their name on the sun. Every two weeks the suns go in the C.A.R.E box, and names are picked out to win a prize. Prizes are in general activities – ex: reading buddies, older children will be able to read with the younger children, etc.
  - C.A.R.E. kick-off for parents is at the Open Houses.
  - C.A.R.E. Committee of teachers has been working last year and this summer to develop lesson plans for the students to re-inforce C.A.R.E. concepts.
  - Goal is to have a school that has a positive, high-achieving, atmosphere.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Change of Dates for Events – There was a question about changing the dates of events.
  - If a chairperson of an event needs to change a date, then the chair/coordinator of the event should go through the office/Dr.McGilvray-Rivet.
  - The change of date is for the Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast.
- New England Revolution Event – October 15, contact Chris Pearce - Chris Pearce 508-875-6309 [chrispearce@hotmail.com](mailto:chrispearce@hotmail.com), more information will be coming closer to the date.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Spring Fundraiser – over \$8,500 raised. Thank you!

- At the last meeting the technology funding was maintained through a vote at \$700.00.
- Teacher Appreciation Fund – There is extra money in the fund from teachers who have left the school.
  - We would like to vote on giving the new teachers who have not had the chance to receive funds \$50 to start their funds.
  - There was a motion to give the new teachers \$50 each out of the extra teacher appreciation fund money. There was a second on the motion. The motion passed.

### **Box Tops**

- We will be collecting Box Tops again this year.
- Beth Goldfarb will look into setting up collection boxes.

### **PTO Presidents Meeting** - meeting with all the PTO presidents of the schools and the superintendent.

- construction updates for Barbieri – roof upgrades complete, air ventilation upgrades complete, parking lot will be complete in the coming weeks
- Transportation – All the concerns of parents are being looked at seriously.
  - There will be a list of numbers sent out in order to contact specific persons if your child is missing.
- Technology updates – over 400 laptops for teachers for record keeping and instructional use.
  - Each building will put together a committee of teachers & staff that will teach other teachers about the many possible classroom applications with the laptops.

### **Past PTO Meeting Minutes**

- There was a motion to approve the February and June meeting minutes. There was a second on the motion. The motion passed.