

PTO MEETING 12/8/10

1. Welcome and intro
2. Vote to approve November minutes - approved
3. Principal's report
 - a. Bernadette is back working in the office permanently
 - b. Nancy Sircez is our new assistant librarian and will be in the school on Wednesday and Friday on Mrs. Stamuli's week off
 - c. Anti-bullying plan – Ms. DelPrete passed out a draft of the plan and brochure; There is a public meeting at the High School on 12/16 at 7pm in Room H100 to discuss the plan; The brochure reviews the definitions, different types of bullying, strategies to help students. This plan was designed to support the new statewide policy as a result of an increase in teen suicides due to bullying; Ms. DelPrete takes every situation & investigates fully on both sides; there have only been 2 serious incidents of bullying and they have been dealt with; parent education is huge part, yearly training for teachers, with the children – held presentations with 4th and 5th grade; power of 1 interactive skit about bullying for grades 3,4,5. We don't tolerate bullying, everyone needs to feel welcome, everyone's different, we value everyone for their differences
 - d. New report cards will be done January on X2 (new student information program at the school); the computer program can do lots of data entry – all assessments, all DRA assessments, all grades, attendance;
 - e. Budget summit 12/14 7pm – currently projected deficit is \$3-4 million for schools, \$7 million in town; last year schools needed to cut 100 position; It is very important for parents to attend the summit; there is nothing left to cut at Potter, this is the future of Framingham;
 - f. Teacher gifts policy –there is new legislature regarding gifts due to unethical practices of other governmental officials ; \$49.99 is the cut off/teacher; teachers will put together a wish list;
 - g. School desperately needs paper towels to wipe down allergy tables in the cafeteria;
 - h. Nutcracker – on 12/17 the 3rd graders are going to complimentary performance in Framingham center
4. Treasurer highlights – fundraisers are mostly done and have done very well. Expenses haven't come in yet such as mulch playground, mini grants, creative arts, teacher appreciation
5. Book fair recap – made \$1800 in cash and \$500 in book credit to buy books for the library, Kim Ludy and Tracy Lampl will run it again next year
6. Community outreach and KWAC – everyone is invited to a singalong at The Oaks at Somerville at Farm Pond off of Harvey Cushing Way; Pathways Family Shelter collection – need toiletries, cleaning supplies, linens, kid-friendly foods, paper plates and cups, KWAC will count coats next week
7. FEF spelling bee – thank you to our spelling team, Dunning won this year
8. Fundraising Recap – Stop and Shop has made \$229 so far, BJs has made \$185, Nancy O'Connor will look into fundraiser at TD Bank North, Square One art is

coming up, Board is in limbo about doing a spring fundraiser – will possibly do an adult-only trivia night

9. Lego League/Robotics – starting 1/10, will have 3 teams for each program
10. 1/31 – math night and choral performance; math night cancelled for next week
11. Minigrants – have received 17 applications so far; will take applications through the end of this week
12. The next PTO meeting is 2/9