

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Principal's reports - Paula was not there, Nancy speaking for Paula

-All classes have laptops and we are starting a new tech committee w/ Jeff Weinstein

-Computer lab has been upgraded to Dells or Macs? Nancy wasn't sure.

-Pickup/drop off. Ms Delprete cannot be outside of school grounds, so call police if there are any more issues with middle scholars or what not.

-There will be a camera installed w/ a monitor in the office and a buzzer at the front door. Not sure how long it will take to complete

-Good professional day for the teachers.

-Wally the Green Monster showed up for reading day. The kids read 3,000 books for the summer. There was a brief issue with some of the Kindergarteners covering their ears because it was too loud. Should we warn them next year? Paula wasn't able to do something silly this year due to a back issue, should we have a backup person for next year?

-We need more parent volunteers in the caf. Nancy is sending something out on the loop, but maybe a ½ flyer in folders as well? Shouldn't come from the PTO, we need our own volunteers, so we don't want to overwhelm parents. Mostly need the volunteers to for the first hour, hour and a half for the younger kids. Question about bringing Tom and Jerry back? The music on Fridays was gone for a few weeks, but the kids earned it back.

-MCAS results are back and going in Friday folders this week or next week, as well as MAP results. MCAS scores not that good, lower than the state avg.

Kristine Tyree at the Town PTO spoke specifically math scores were below or avg. 6th grade was the lowest. All but 6th grade was avg, with none of the grades being above avg.

The district is allocating money towards Tier 1 and Tier 2. Tier 1 getting core instruction and Tier 2 pulling out the students who need more

instruction. They brought in various computer programs for the middle schools. The elementary schools received \$20k for more books, but Ms Delprete wanted \$75k. There is also leveled literary intervention for elementary school. They are receiving help for English but not math. The above avg and avg kids getting no help.

MAPS – Measures of Academic Progress – there are three tests that are measured in the spring and fall, tracks whole groups of measured success

_Power of One bullying event went well. Potter Road expectations were presented to all kids in school. Cyber bullying night for all parents is in Dec? Not sure of date, it's on the master calendar. Focusing on cyber safety town wide.

3) What's going on in Potter Road?

-We were impressed that PR teams up and differentiates to level teaching, not all schools do that.

-The school district as a whole is being audited at the end of May.

-Some PTO's give professional development points to teachers if they show up to PTO mtg's. We need to discuss this further.

Town wide mtg, money coming in for the town is split 60% for the schools and 40% for the town. They also discussed making full day kindergarten free.

4) Pumpkin Fair – Cheryl/Cariann

-DO NOT have enough volunteers, as of Wed they had little forms back for volunteers. Discussed getting the room parents list to get it from the teachers. As well as maybe the teachers hadn't handed in all the forms yet. The X2, which is a new computer system that the district uses which should have everything on it eventually. But maybe it has a list for Cheryl to use for recruiting more volunteers.

-Marcia has asked for class lists to recruit the Portuguese families to help out as well. Cheryl will get a message out on the loop about prize walk and when things can start to be brought in. Have boxes on the stage in the caf.

Things can be brought in starting on Mon. Prize walk items are mostly books and games. Could have stuffed animals, but not sure if parents will let the kids take them.

-Questions about school spirit, does Beth O'Donnell have the order forms?

-Donna Angus and her husband are leaving after this year as game coordinator, so it's open for next year. It's mostly set up the night before and then making sure all volunteers have their tickets and so forth on fair day.

-Matt Caulder created 4 new games for this year and 3 new signs. So we need some painters for the signs and need help to put them out.

-Teasers – they are adding a Minute to Win It area and a hair extension area that the kids can create and put on feather hair extensions which will be manned by Gayle plus we have 4 new games for the game area.

5) Book Fair/ family reading night

- The Book fair is from 11/14-11/18 with family reading night being on 11/17

-The theme is going to be space “reading is out of this world”.

-There will be an online component to the book fair this year where you will be able to buy books online. But not sure exactly what the dates yet.

-The PR website has a link about the online website. There won't be any info sent home in flyers until after the pumpkin fair.

-The newest Diary of a Wimpy Kid will be available on the Tues of the book fair.

-Need volunteers for the fair are needed every day from 9-5 and set up during the family reading night. If anyone is interested you can send Sarah an email.

-The teacher's wish lists will be better than it was before. Jackie and Cheryl are working on the issues.

6) FEF Spelling Bee, Framingham Education Foundation has a spelling bee every year with funds going back to the schools. This year it will be on 11/16. Each school needs a team of three. There is a \$350 sponsorship, which in past years businesses in the area have been approached about donating money. They get a write up in the program for the night and on the school website. This year's sponsor is Waste Removal Services, owned by Traci and Patrick Manning

We still need a team.

7) 5th Grade –Allison Quackenbush. Allison not at the mtg. This year there was the first parent planning committee mtg with 15 people there. They lined out the whole year including expenses and volunteers. They have new things to try.

-McCarthy school does an All Skate at Roller Kingdom a few times a year to raise money. It's a great idea and could work for us; we might get lots of support.

8) Fundraising –Nancy O'Connor

-Direct Donations raised about \$1900 so far but think it will be over \$2k which is over budget.

-Genevieve's is about \$4200 and with online sales as well, should be over \$5k

Footnote- we receive about 45% of that so we should have about \$2500 which is on budget. LY we raised about \$8500

-Stop and Shop is going well. People can also register their Target card but don't receive as much money as Stop and Shop. You can go to Stopandshopaplus.com to find out about extra points they have every week.

-Pictures went home this week in Friday folders.

-In January we are trying a new coupon book, we will need volunteers to help out with that. BJ's has been moved to the spring and bingo books are also in the spring.

9)KWAC-KT Spring. KT not here. She needs someone to help out, getting too much for her. She isn't sure what the days and times are going to be yet, looking at 3:10-4:10 on Tues. But not finalized yet. And it will be once a month.

McCarthy is piloting a new KWAC program and there has been interest from other schools as well.

10) Presidents meeting, PTO presidents meet with superintendent once a month

- We were approached by California Pizza Kitchen about donating \$250 dollars to one classroom in PRS. That classroom then needs to use the money for classroom supplies at Staples, their partner. They come in to

deliver the money to the class, and then they put in the order directly to Staples. Need to talk to Ms Delprete about it, maybe tying it in with Box Tops. Doing a limited run Box Tops for a month and class with the most wins???. We can write a letter to Domino's and they will donate pizzas and \$25 dollars to do a party?

-Also need to talk about the Pumpkin Fair doing coffee? Should we go with a Kuerig or a canister?

-Kohls, they will give money to an event you're having at school. You write/call and tell them about it. They will donate \$500 and help volunteer. Up to 3x a year, you just have to get the employees to sign up to volunteer. It's too late for the pumpkin fair, but good to know about.

11) Treasurer's Report –Maria McHugh

-We have a cushion for the last 3 yrs but with us maybe losing school choice and the families, who've put the money in, may not be here to reap the benefits we should be spending some of it down

-Reviewed budget line for line, copies were passed out to everyone at the meeting.

12)New Business

-We need to think about speakers/themes for future PTO mtg's.

-We have scheduled Dr Chris for Jan. The theme is "How to Rev up your Metabolism" Need to apply it to kids and family.

-Open Circle – is a district wide program that happens once a week to teach kids how to deal w/ things emotional and socially. It should be in the fall, maybe the next PTO mtg, Thurs 11/17 or in Feb.

-Maybe a DPW/recycling meeting. Could get Traci's husband and maybe Judy Cohen to coincide with the April Environmental night?

-McCarthy school does a "Fit for kids" program. We will talk to someone at McCarthy to share some info on it with us. Will it fit with the Y program?

-Brazil night – had one a few years back where a teacher brought in slide show and educational information.

-Zumba night – Janine Guilleaume is a personal trainer, she's willing to teach a zumba class.