

PTO MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

PTO BOARD/CHAIRS attendance: Cheryl Mitcham, Jacqui Goldberg, Cariann Steenbruggen, Katherine Russo, Adina Kurzman, Katie Spring, Kristi Johnson, Lisa Gold, Lynne Lavini, Sarabeth Guptil, Brenda Digiacomio, Susan Richard, Chris Lewis, Gayle Seletz, Heather Camerota

PRS ADMINISTRATOR: Paula DelPrete, Larry Wolpe

INTRODUCTIONS – Chairs, members went around room introducing themselves.

MINUTES – September minutes were passed around for approval – APPROVED.

NEW CLUB REQUEST/PRESENTATION – Presented by Annaliese Edmand, Ripley Calder, Natalie Zigmont

- Request funds for a School Newspaper club
- Newspaper would seek to inform teachers/kids/parents about PRS school happenings
- 3 teacher advisors are needed and have been secured
- Paula has pre-approved
- Newspaper to be distributed in Friday folders (and perhaps online?)
October - May
- Meetings/details TBD following approval
- \$15 fee to join club
- Grades 3-5 (20 kids total)
- Requesting from PTO cost of \$266 teacher stipend
- Cheryl motions to approve – APPROVED.

BOARD MEETING UPDATE

- PTO meeting speakers – MCAS/PARCC, Bill Bowman (internet safety), Brendan Ryan (food services), Mrs. Kinsella (health ed),
- Recess kits (PTO will purchase, unless otherwise asked)
- Direct donations - \$2,005 to PTO
- \$700 sponsors for directory – ahead of schedule, but entries are down from last year
- FEF SPELLING BEE – November. Parent, teacher, etc. Looking for a sponsor for \$350.

Adina found & killed a bug.

COMMITTEE CHECK-INS

BOKS – Chris Lewis. 10/23/14 start date. Lottery by 10/15. 40 kids cap. 2 trainers + Chris. 4 volunteers (2 mon, 2 thu), including Weatherly Cronan. All new trainers/volunteers.

BOOK FAIR – Theme is Medieval Theme – Sir Reads-a-Lot Castle. Tracy Lampl wrote a plea (read by Cheryl Mitchum in Tracy's absence) for book fair chairs for next year. Tracy will send out note on the loop. Additionally, Tracy will be looking for volunteers for the book fair in November.

BOXTOPS – November challenge.

CREATIVE ARTS – Most grades activities are already booked. Town wide – waiting for full on confirmation but most likely Japanese drumming (whole school, 2 shows)

EMAIL LOOP – No update from Kristi Salisbury, but more participants this year than last

5TH GRADE FUNDRAISING – Field trips, yearbook, end of year grad party, school gift. Just over 50% of the goal has been reached. Pumpkin & Book fair games, bake sale, SkyZone, Roller Kingdom

KWAC – Teaches kids importance of giving back. Open to all grades. Grooming Jill Krejdovsky to take over group.

GENEVIEVES – Taking orders through today. Will pursue a different vendor next year.

FUNDRAISING – online campaigns (Stop & Shop, Target, Amazon)

- Stop & Shop: \$1400
- Amazon: send out link to bookmark
- Target: 1% to school (52 cards registered) – send out links to Yahoo group

MINI GRANTS – up to \$200, proposals due October 17. Fund things like online programs, school libraries, vocab & science programs. PTO funds \$4000 towards mini-grants.

PUMPKIN FAIR – signs are up! Same day as McCarthy Pumpkin Fair. Need many more volunteers (at least 50 more). Grade participant sheet coming out this Friday

ROOM PARENT – needs complete list of teachers. K-2 all set. Will send list to Lynne for pumpkin fair volunteers.

SCHOOL SPIRIT – ordered tees, hoodies, and (hopefully) new items (zip-up hoodie & beanie hats) to have on hand at Pumpkin Fair. Jacqui & Cariann will sell spirit at Pumpkin Fair in Kristi's absence.

SUMMER READING – split celebration K-2 (Gwendolyn the Pig) & 3-5 (Juggler). Gave out B&N gift cards to 3 reading winners & 3 math winners., gave out gift cards to B&N to 3 reading winners & 3 math winners.

TOWN WIDE PTO

- first meeting 9/22 @ Wilson. Up to 3 people per school can attend. Next meeting Tues 10/28. Issues: Framingham Police will support only 1 5K going forward. Internet Safety.
- Proposed 2015-2016 school calendar
- moving conferences to Friday afternoons
- Religious holidays stay the same
- Begin school Thursday 8/27
- XMAS 12/24-1/4
- June 14 (180th day)