

**PTO meeting minutes**  
**Thursday, December 11, 2014**

**PTO Board/chairs attendance:** Adina Kurzman, Lisa Gold, Sarabeth Guptill, Chris Lewis, Katie Spring, Katherine Russo, Kristi Johnson, Maura Kahn, Ami Maniscalco, Carianne Steenbruggen, Susan Richards,

**PRS teacher/administration:** Larry Wolpe, Paula DelPrette

**Administrators Notes:**

- Excited to have Tish Ravits visit first and second graders on Friday December 19..She is the Author of sesame street books,The Cat in the Hat knows a lot about that, blues clues, and huff and puff books.
- Turkey trot successful featuring 5<sup>th</sup> grade band.
- Students learned healthy eating from nurse A.
- School wide readers workshop- consultants began visits. 2 more visits this year. They watch and teach auto lessons and discuss student i
- Math coach meeting with staff members k-5.
- Assessment season is here. Access testing. Park in march and may.
- Jan 14 Dr. Grace Wai director of curriculum will be presenting at pto in January
- Jen Langmeyer and Larry Wolpe spent time at math works recruiting learning program called Strength in numbers. Thinking they got 4-6 recruits.
- Park test on different schedule then MCAS
- Park will be computer based. Dunning and Fuller computer based too
- Park exam will begin on March 16 and end on April 10
- Would like to test grade levels on staggard schedule
- Parents will get schedule as to what days their kids will take exam

### **Committee Check-Ins:**

- Treasurer: Taxes have been filed
- Book fair \$62 under budges
- Thank you notes went out to those who donated to mini grant.
- All but 4 teachers have been reimbursed for their mini grants
- Speakers coming up for future PTO meetings. PARK, Grace Way coming Jan 14
- Working on food services
- Working on Michelle Consela to discuss Health
- Chosen new school portrait vendor- Coffee Pond Productions
- Chorus concert has been postponed
- January 29 there will be a presentation geared toward middle school. Bill Bowman-discussion on internet safety-at Fuller middle. Open to PRS parents
- November minutes approved, Katherine Russo makes motion to approve. Carianne seconds. Minutes passed
- BOKS update. Chris Lewis-. 3 more classes in this session. There are 43 kids in the program.
- An invitation went to all teachers to ask if anyone wanted to speak about why exercise is important. Mr. Weinstein came and spoke to BOKS kids. On December 18<sup>th</sup> Tara Ruffo is coming to speak
- Hoping to get the State command sergeant major of the Army national guard will send 2-3 guardsman on Monday to speak to and cheer on kids. Waiting on confirmation
- Ends on Dec 22. Spring will start end of March. 9 week sessions.
- Pushing the kids on skills in BOKS.
- Books for Bingo-Sarabeth Guptill –low attendance. Promoted well. Least attended event they had. May rethink having it in December. May need to be revamped and think of different activity.
- Box tops-contest going on now. Runs until break. Party will be after new years. Will decide on the date with the teacher of winning class.
- Maura would like to have someone work with her to take over box tops next year
- Lisa Gold—creative Arts. No programs until after new year.

- Lexington Sympony Orchestra going to 4<sup>th</sup> grade not 3<sup>rd</sup> to get kids excited about playing instrument. Will take place in February.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade fundraising had a meeting with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Mapped out dates for possible trips to the Freedom trail? Museum of Science,? MFA? Broadmore?
- About \$4000 has been raised for 5<sup>th</sup> grade fundraising.
- A raffle will be beginning next Friday. Roller kingdom will take place on Jan 17 from 6-830.
- Direct donation drive after holidays.
- Fundraising update: Amazon- \$74 in September running total from sept- November we have made \$209.
- Target- pays in sept annually. In November we earned \$142.22.
- September-November from Target is \$347
- Stop and shop-In nov we earned \$210.32. Total \$438 for October to November
- Not continuing the Genevieves fundraiser for next year. Looking at new vendors. There's a possibility of Charlston wrap?
- Kidstuff books will be coming January 5. Need to get out to students by January 9. Will need help to label the books and bags and give to students. -\$25 per book. The school makes half of the \$25.
- KWAK- meeting Tuesday December 16th. Will make blankets for homeless shelters and decorations for nursing homes.
- There will be caroling to the nursing home on Saturday December 20 at 2:30.
- They collected 70 bags of food for food pantry and 30 coats to Antons.
- LEGO and Robotics are finalizing dates. Looking to start in January. Need volunteers. Lego club is for grades 1-3. Robotics club is for grades 4-5.
- Play update from Sarabeth Guptill-Auditions were on December 11. Great group of parent helpers are volunteering to help this year.
- Play is May 15 and May 16 at Cameron. And is called, "What a Knight."
- School spirit- Kristi Johnson sent out a flyer and order forms before Thanksgiving . After holidays another contest will take place similar to last year.

- Always available to order online
- Spring event- Lisa Gold. Been looking at different locations. Need a Place that can hold 175-180 people.
- Possibility of doing an auction at the spring event
- Expecting 100-150 people.