

PTO MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

PTO BOARD/CHAIRS/TEACHER attendance: Cheryl Mitcham, Katie Spring, Lisa Gold, Cariann Steenbruggen, Adina Kurzman, Susan Richard, Sarabeth Guptil, Kristi Johnson, Chris Lewis, Tara Rufo (teacher), Kelly McCarthy (teacher), Katherine Russo

PRS ADMINISTRATOR: Paula DelPrete, Principal

GUEST SPEAKER: Brendan Ryan, Director of Food Services for Framingham spoke about the current food services overview in town. He also highlighted the new offer vs. serve change coming next year with regards to serving breakfast and lunch. Children will be allowed to select 3 – 5 food components with lunch and 3 – 4 breakfast components. Each meal will have a minimum of 3 foods with the option to taking more (milk, fruit, vegetables, grains, meat/meat alternatives). The idea is to minimize waste.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Kindergarden tours start tomorrow. 200 folks are signed up to attend both the day and night tours.
- National Youth Art month – our artists' work is on display through school and downtown. Select students' art work is being displayed in town.
- PARCC starts next week. Specials will be flipped to have time for testing.
- Next Tuesday School Committee meeting will hear School Improvement Plan.
- Play is getting ready, engineering club is happening and new newspaper club is underway.
- We will send out a new calendar with dates when we have them.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Have not received money yet from Robotics or Lego leagues yet since they started late.
- Sent emails to specials teachers with reminder of budget so they spend it this year or they will lose it.
- Amazon made \$807 – budgeted \$150
- Kid Stuff - \$1300 profit - budgeted \$1000
- School spirit – lost \$103 but running new campaign
- Target – made \$1600 so far
- Went \$5 over budget on babysitting – may reassess need next year
- Creative arts – extra money in bank – Symphony trip has been cancelled for just this year. Looking for different field trip for 4th Grade.
- Mathworks has money due to stipend

- Field trip and teacher stipend expenses coming up

BOARD UPDATE:

- K Tours – about 4 parents for day and 6 staff and 8 kids; evening – have at least 4 for evening as well.
- What's coming in the next few months – April and May meetings – April will announce next year's board, May vote in new board.
 - Preliminary positions – Adina Kurzman and Kristi Johnson co-presidents, Lisa Gold and Gayle Seletz co-vps, Sharyn Richards and Suzanne Burke co-secretary, Andy Aylesworth treasurer
- Next year's committee chairs/open positions – there are a few spots open for positions; Book Fair is open, Fine Arts will be run by Chris Lewis and Gayle Seletz, Multi Cultural Night is open, Square 1 Art is open, Townwide PTO is open, Student Directory needs 2 people

COMMITTEE CHECK-INS:

BOKS – Getting ready for next session - April 2 to June 11. 4 volunteers for Mondays and 5 for Tuesdays. We are looking for additional volunteers to increase the numbers. Also looking for teachers to come speak to the group. Emailed prior participants to see if can get any back. Ideally 6 dedicated volunteers would be great but we can make do with less plus we will be outside more.

CREATIVE ARTS – Chris Lambert – weather man - in last week for 2nd graders – they loved it! Lexington Symphony cancelled for 4th grade due to weather this year, town wide. Money will be put toward another trip. Star lab coming in soon. First grade will have Japanese arts. Kindergarden will have aquarium. Elizabeth Meyer will take on next year.

5TH GRADE FUNDRAISING – Put out a letter to parents for a direct donation drive and hoping to get more money coming in. Planning a Spring Fling on April 8th in the hopes to raise more money. That should be last fundraiser. If we do not raise enough, we will ask parents to pay for field trips out of pocket.

FINE ARTS SHOW – Getting in touch with Mrs. Maxwell to begin process of mounting art work. We will need many volunteers to help prepare the work.

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

- Stop & Shop: February \$202 – total a little over \$1000, program ends next week.
- Totals off a few hundred this year due to other schools entering program

KWAC – Handing it over to Jill Krejdovsky. We will be assembling birthday in a box packages for needy children. Birthday boxes go to over 250 children each month. Chris Lewis will run her boot camp the last month.

LEGO/ROBOTICS – Have had a few meetings so far. They are going fine, to date.

PLAY – It is coming together nicely. Had an extra rehearsal this week. The show will be May 15 and 16. Katie Spring is doing dances, Tracy Lampl is doing costumes and Maura Cahn is doing sets. Very talented group and looking forward to it.

SCHOOL SPIRIT – Tomorrow is second week of spirit contest, 5 teachers did not yet participate. It runs through the month of March. (Tara Ruffo added her numbers during the meeting...) Need to figure out a prize for the winners. Cariann suggested a keychain stuffed animal.

SQUARE 1 ART – Underway – order forms will come home in early April.

TOWN WIDE PTO – Next meeting is candidate form. Anyone interested in meeting the candidates and hearing what they have to say, the forum will take place on [March 31st](#) from 7-9PM at FHS, room H-100.

- **Picture day, Spirit day and K Tours – all tomorrow!**
- **Cori forms need to be updated – only last 3 years, so be sure to update them on file**