

Potter Road PTO

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

PTO Board Attendance: Co-President: Adina Kurzman and Kristi Johnson, Co-Vice President: Lisa Gold, Treasurer: Andy Aylesworth
PRS Administrator- Paula DelPrete

Administrator Update- Paula DelPrete

- School Improvement Plan promoting positive behavior (PBIS) to help reduce number of disciplinary issues. Lesson plans are being made to teach the students how to do everything from going to the bathroom, going to the cafeteria, sitting on a bus. Waiting for school committee to approve and information will be available online.
- State Mandated Access Testing will begin on January 11, 2016 for ELL students to assess their proficiency in English. There will be 145 students participating in the testing.
- Very successful Turkey Trot and the band and recorder club performed and they were fantastic.
- Recorder and Band concert will be on January 20, 2016 at 6:15pm and should be really good based on the performance at the Turkey Trot.
- Very busy season with lots going on in the school different clubs some have started and are going strong and some are starting up at the beginning of the year:
 - First issue of the newspaper has come out and Luke is hopefully going to be putting a page on the Potter website.
 - Brainstormers - Bev Hugo
 - KWAC
 - Lego League and Engineering Club
 - Page Turners
 - BOKS
 - Newspaper Club
 - Recorder Club
 - Drama

Treasurer Report - Andy Aylesworth

- As of 12/16 there is \$26K in the PTO account.

- Fundraising has been very successful so far:
 - Box Tops - \$783
 - Turkey Trot Money Jars Challenge- \$1223.31
 - 5 Guys Restaurant night - \$108
 - Pumpkin Fair - \$4600
 - Kids Stuff -
 - Pictures -
 - Amazon, Target, Stop and Shop - around \$500
- Target is going to be ending their program in May 2016

BOKS - Chris Lewis

- BOKS has ended and was very fun and successful
- At the beginning of the session kids filled out a “goals” sheet and most kids either met or exceeded their goals.
- Next Session starts in March
- Hoping to sign up for an outdoor race for kids possibly Reebok Academy

Fifth Grade Fundraising - Cheryl Mitcham

- Going really well Class of 2016 has raised a little under \$7000

KWAK - Jill Krejdovsky

- Book Drive - Very successful the school collected 1800 books for the boys and girls club
- Coat Drive will continue running through January through Anton's Cleaners. Please drop any unwanted coats in the box by the office

PLAY - Sarabeth Guptill

- Auditions were held last 2 weeks
- 62 kids performing
- Will be posting the cast for the play
- There are very strong 4th grade students this year
- Production take place at Cameron Middle School May 20th and 21st.

- Hoping to borrow the Mic Packs from Cameron for the kids this year

Sweetheart Dance - Kari Canney and Lisa DeRosa

- DJ - We have the DJ booked
- Photographer - Sarah Bowers is doing the photography
- Party City Gift Card - contact at Party City corporate said no problem, she will give us either a gift card or discount code and asked that I reach out after the new year
- Food Solicitation - We thought it would be best to wait on food solicitation until after the holiday madness so the request doesn't get lost in the shuffle
- Police Detail - going to reach out to the FPD in early January to arrange for the police detail for the night

TWPTO - Kevin Harris and Sarah Bowers

- Primary Focus on incoming Kindergarten students and parents to keep everyone on a level playing field and not everyone asking different questions
 - Devising a FAQ's list for parents of incoming kindergarteners for orientation and school tours. Please feel free to send any questions to Kevin or you can add on the facebook page
 - What to ask to be better prepared
 - What you don't know to ask
- Kindergarten Expo is January 12, 2016 6pm-8pm at Fuller Middle School with a snow date January 14th.

Secondary Focus on Agenda- Kevin King - Prior Educator, Principal, and did work at District Level

Kevin King's Presentation and is leading a School Choice Special Project School Choice Task Force

Interviewing parents and students to understand the process

Parents experiences

Should it turn back into a District System

Interesting Fact - 70% of students live South of Rt. 9

70% of schools are North of Rt. 90