

MINUTES

Potter Road Elementary School PTO

Date | time 10/5/2016 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Adina Kurzman and Kristi Johnson

Welcome

Presidents Adina Kurzman and Kristi Johnson welcomed parents and introductions were made by all attendees.

A motion was made by Adina Kurzman to approve the PTO Minutes for September's meeting. Kristi Johnson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Administration Report – Paula Del Prete & Larry Wolpe

- The school received a “spruce up” thanks to Synopsys, City Year, and Americorps. The school received benches, had a US map painted on the blacktop, and had new plants put into flowerbeds. The school is truly grateful for the efforts of all the volunteers.
- The NED {Never Give Up • Encourage Others • Do Your Best} Program recently performed at Potter Road for all students. The program was offered to Potter Road at no cost. Yo-yos were available to purchase after the program and were so popular that some orders had to be put on backorder. Proceeds from the yo-yo sale go directly to NED, not to Potter Road.
- Museum of Science visited Potter Road over the week through the *Outreach Live New England* initiative. Students saw presentations on caterpillars, DNA, kites, and bats, among other topics.
- The school is currently working on School Improvement Plans for the year. Goals will include the ELA program, and Math and Science Scores. PARCC test scores arrived today and will be added to the goals as well. The release date for test scores to parents is TBD.
- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention System) is going well. Administration will meet with central office to discuss the progress of the new initiative.
- School pictures are in and will be distributed soon, possibly by week's end.

Committee Reports

Charleston Wrap - Jodi Rubin – Fundraiser ends this Friday. Orders must be sent in to the school or placed online. Students who have coupons for prizes can bring the coupons to Bernadette in the front office for redemption.

Scholastic Book Fair – Suzanne Burke – Fall book fair is scheduled for December 5 – 9 with an evening event on December 7th (followed by the December PTO meeting).

BOKS – Chris Lewis – BOKS will have a test run with volunteers on Friday, October 7 and will officially begin on Friday, October 14. 51 students have been chosen via lottery with 27 children on a waiting list. BOKS had a great turn out for volunteers and predicts great success this session.

Pumpkin Fair – Lynne Lavini and Jasmine Laffin – SignUp Genius has gone out for adults and students. Alumni of Potter Road are welcome to earn community service hours with this event! Volunteer Supervisors will also be needed – please check SignUp Genius for these opportunities. The chili cookoff has received good feedback so far. The NEW Haunted Pumpkin Patch is a work in progress and volunteers will be needed for this project. We are also seeking raffle prizes for the event so interested companies should contact Jaime Cesar (jcesar918@gmail.com) with donations.

KIDSTUFF – Aimee Stanley – KidStuff coupon books have arrived and volunteer sign up has been sent out. Parents that did not sign up but would like to volunteer are still more than welcome to join on Friday, October 14 at 9:30 AM in the cafeteria.

Restaurant Fundraisers – Colleen Frost – No official dates available, though a plan is in place to have a restaurant fundraiser once a month throughout the year. Possible starting options are Five Guys for October and California Pizza Kitchen for November. Official information will go out in the Loop.

TWPTO – Kevin Harris – First meeting went well. We discussed the new TWPTO website (part of the new FPS website) and communication structure. Topic of the evening was fundraising and all schools provided great ideas and tips for fundraisers that worked for them. Next meeting will be October 24th at 7pm at Walsh Middle School and will be a forum on the Charter Commission ballot measure.

School Directory – Adina Kurzman – The deadline for student information has past and no further changes can be made. Ads are still being accepted through October 7. It is possible that directories could be printed and delivered to students as soon as next week (week of October 10th).

Creative Arts – Elizabeth Meyer - 5 out of the 6 programs have been scheduled for the 2016-2017 school year. The programs are as follows:

Kindergarten – New England Aquarium – Tide Pools Alive

First – Ecotarium – Animal Adaptations

Second – TBD – {working on a story teller}

Third – Museum of Science – Star Lab

Fourth – Museum of Science – Motions and Forces

Fifth – Boston Tea Party – Re-enactment of the Boston Tea Party

Creative Arts is seeking a co-chair and anyone interested should contact Elizabeth Meyer.

Fifth Grade Fundraising – Kristi Johnson – Purpose is to raise additional and separate funds for the fifth grade specific activities (yearbooks, end of year celebration, etc). SkyZone fundraiser went well – outcome TBD. Next fundraiser will be Electronics Recycling at the Pumpkin Fair. Anything with a cord can be recycled.

Monster Money Challenge – Kristi Johnson & Adina Kurzman – The Monster Money Challenge – a school-wide, spare change competition – will take place October 13 through October 27 with the winner announced on October 28/. The teacher with the most points will wear a pumpkin costume on October 31.

Room Parents – Gayle Seletz – All are assigned!

School Spirit – Lynne Lavini – The site has been updated and new products are being added. Upcoming ideas for the shop are Framingham Flyer products and “Class of” items. A table of items will be available at the Pumpkin Fair.

Treasurer's Report – Andy Aylesworth

Last month's income:

Amazon - \$81 (Please be sure to use the Amazon link on the Potter Road webpage as this provides the school with the most money – even more than smile.amazon.com)

Class of 2017 - \$289 from pizza sales

Ball Drop - \$393

Spirit - \$166

Activities - \$555

Direct Donations (so far) - \$1055

Stop & Shop – no report to date (Please remember to register your Stop & Shop card for Potter Road)

The meeting was called to a close at 7:55PM by Adina Kurzman.

The next PTO meeting will take place on **Wednesday, November 9th, & 7pm.**