

MINUTES

Potter Road Elementary School PTO

February 8, 2017 | 7:00pm | Meeting called to order by Adina Kurzman

SAGE Presentation - Colleen Carey

The SAGE program is for students who collectively demonstrate high academic ability, a divergent learning style, and an abstract thinking preference. Students can be referred for evaluation for entry to the program by parents or teachers (find referral forms here: <http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/Page/3070>) . The program provides both pull out and classroom integration in order to meet the needs of SAGE students. For more information, please visit <http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/Page/158>.

To contact Colleen Carey, Potter Road's SAGE Teacher, you can email her at ccarey@framingham.k12.ma.us or call her at 508-626-9134.

Introduction of TWPTO President – Scott Wadland

Scott Wadland is the President of the TownWide PTO . The purpose of the TWPTO is to provide resources for PTOs, parents, and the Framingham community. Next week the TWPTO will be holding open forums for the Framingham School Superintendent candidates. Each of the three candidates will be interviewed individually on February 13, 15, and 16 starting at 7pm at Fuller Middle School. Formal interviews will be conducted by the School Committee beginning at 7:30pm on those dates and will be open to the public.

Administrator's Report – Larry Wolpe

ACCESS testing is now complete. MCAS tests, for grades 3, 4, and 5 will be starting soon.

2nd graders recently attended an assembly with Odds Bodkin (www.oddsbodkin.net) and enjoyed music, storytelling during the show.

4th and 5th graders recently attended a presentation by the Framingham Department of Public Works (<http://www.framinghamma.gov/136/Public-Works>) about recycling. The kids were quizzed on their new knowledge and seemed to enjoy the assembly.

The January Winter Concert was a success and the administration would like to thank all the teachers and students for their hard work in putting the event together.

Ms. DelPrete is still recovering from her surgery but is currently scheduled to return on March 1st.

Treasurer's Report – Andy Aylesworth

Recent income:

\$3500 grant received from Staples

\$1000 grant received from The MathWorks

\$1800 from the Scholastic Book Fair

>\$500 from the Haunted House donation

<\$300 from Amazon in February (\$84 in January)

\$368 from Gianni's fundraiser

\$584 from Box Tops

\$92 from Five Below fundraiser (plus \$89 from past fundraiser that was not picked up)

\$247 from California Pizza Kitchen

The Class of 2017 currently has \$2700 in its account

Committee Reports

BOKS – Chris Lewis – The new session is about to begin and we are now looking for volunteers. Please contact either Chris Lewis or SaRah BowerS at prs_boks@yahoo.com

Pumpkin Fair – Jaime Cesar and Jasmine Laffin will be chairing the Pumpkin Fair next year!

Sweetheart Dance – Kari Canney and Lisa DeRosa – This year's event was a success and made about \$200! Already planning for next year. A big thanks to all the volunteers and staff for their help!

KWAC – Colleen Frost – KWAC will be holding a food drive from February through March. Information will be sent out soon.

KIDSTUFF – Aimee Stanley – After discussion, we decided to continue the KidStuff program in the 2017-2018 school year but are looking to do so without having to send books home with each student. Information to follow on this...

Restaurant Fundraisers – Colleen Frost & Jaime Cesar – There will be a fundraiser on February 16th at Conrad's in Sudbury. Information will be sent in Friday folders on 2/10. Upcoming restaurant fundraiser ideas include: Margaritas, a Brazilian restaurant, and Kelly's.

Lego Club – Kevin Mullen – Lego Club begins on Monday, February 13th. Volunteers are still needed. Over 70 kids applied but there are not enough volunteers to work with the students.

Robotics – Kevin Harris – Begins March 6th. Still in need of volunteers! Please contact Kevin Harris kbhonline@gmail.com.

TWPTO – Kevin Harris – Upcoming events: Meeting on February 27th at Hemenway, 7pm. Topic: Empowering Your Child to Handle Anxiety and Stress and Getting Parents Involved in Your PTO. All are welcome to attend!

Spirit Store – Kristi Johnson – There will be a blowout sale to get rid of current spirit inventory. More information to come.

Misc.

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council provides guidance, comfort, conversation and support to parents of special needs students. The group meets on the 2nd Friday of each month from 9am – 11am at B Sisters Café on Route 9 in Framingham.

Luke Fontano has requested \$250 from the PTO in order to purchase headphones for student use in the computer lab. The PTO Board voted to allow this and will provide the funds per the request.

Fundraising Ideas: An online t-shirt fundraiser was proposed by SaRah BowerS who will determine further interest and develop the fundraiser further. Lisa DeRosa proposed a raffle fundraiser that will involve selling tickets for daily prize offerings. She will research the proposal further and look into obtaining donations for the fundraiser.

Jaime Cesar proposed adding information to Kindergarten Orientation packets that include fundraising efforts such as Mabel's Labels and Box Tops to better prepare families.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM by Adina Kurzman.

The next Potter Road PTO Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8th at 7pm.