

MINUTES

Potter Road Elementary School PTO

Date | time 10/11/2017 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* SaRah Bowers

Motion to Approve Minutes – Lisa Gold

The September PTO meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the board.

The October PTO board meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the board.

Administration Report – Paula Del Prete

- iReady program being used across the district, comprehensive program for every child. It adjusts reading and math assessment based on your child's answers and identifies areas where your child needs additional support. Intervention groups will be formed to pinpoint and target students' needs. Every teacher will have 3 hour training on how to use data. Stapleton started using it last year and had some great results. Hope to share parent reports as we go along, data may also be available at parent conferences.
- Potter Road has hired a new 4th grade teacher, Ms. Shannon Tracey, to replace Ms. Linares, who took a Vice Principal job in Holliston. Ms. Tracey previously taught in Brockton.
- We recently hired a 3rd cafeteria aide, Jen Fisher.

Treasurer's Report – Kevin Harris

- Fundraising is doing well, and we are gearing up for the Pumpkin Fair.
- Direct donation drive is up to almost \$2,000, as compared to \$1,000 at this point last year.
- 5th grade field trip this month to Broadmoor, other 5th grade events and fundraisers are coming up soon.

Committee Reports

Monster Money Challenge – begins Monday, 2 week coin challenge (ends at Pumpkin Fair) in hall outside office. Each class has jar with teacher's name and goal is to fill up your class' jar with coins. Sabotage other classes by adding dollars. Kristi and Adina will tally results every evening. Winning class gets teacher to dress up as a pumpkin.

Kidstuff – coupon book fundraiser starts this Friday – will run for 2 weeks. Can order via form, online, or at Pumpkin Fair. Potter Road gets 50% of each \$25 book sale.

BOKS – begins this coming Monday. 90+ kids applied, 60 can participate (selected via lottery). BOKS is a before school exercise program, and helps improve student focus during the day. Teachers are invited to come work out with us. Parents can also join. Teachers will receive weekly tips called "BOKS Bursts" to incorporate more movement into the classroom.

Pumpkin Fair – really need volunteers for any shift available. Teacher signup has been excellent. Parent participation is crucial for a successful fair. We especially need people working on the grills cooking, and in the kitchen selling food. There are many slots still available. Props for haunted house are also needed to borrow. Please

help spread the word and sign up. Class donation forms request a particular item from each class – something to bring or bake, or the option to send in \$5 if you don't have time. School-wide emails will go out to remind everyone.

The Loop – Jennifer Harris has taken over management of the Loop, and is discovering there is low participation with the opt-in/confirmation process. Members must click an email to confirm subscription, and many people miss this step. Jennifer is investigating other ways to sign-up with less hassle. Room parents may need to send reminders with more information about how to sign up.

Townwide PTO – candidates forum on 10/30. Only opportunity to hear from all school committee candidates before the election. We are switching from at-large school committee representatives to a district based system of representation.

Restaurant Fundraisers – Panera upcoming on 10/26, California Pizza Kitchen upcoming on 11/7. Fun and Games was a big success and will bring in about \$300.

Picture re-takes – scheduled for Monday, November 6.

The meeting was called to a close at 7:38 by SaRah Bowers.

The next PTO meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00pm in the cafeteria.