

MINUTES

Potter Road Elementary School PTO

Date | time 4/10/2019 7:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* SaRah BoweRs

Administrator's Report – Larry Wolpe

- March Madness was a lot of fun, the kids enjoyed it. The activities bring the whole building together.
- Grade 2 & 3 teachers have been attending professional development regarding Math Workshop. The model is similar to our reading and writing methods, allows students to work at their own pace and in small groups. Other grades will also be using model as time goes on.
- NAPE testing happened last month, the data collected was reported to the federal government. All students who participated did an excellent job staying on task and completing the assignments. Students were chosen completely randomly to participate.
- MCAS started today, there has been a lot of behind the scenes work in preparation. Encouraging students to just do their best.
- The 4th and 5th grade field trips (to the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Museum of Fine Arts respectively) went excellently, there has been a lot of fine arts exposure to PRS's students which is fantastic.
- School tours for kindergarten info sessions were great, parents seemed very excited about their childrens' future experiences.
- The Robotics team had its competition last weekend, a big thank you to Mr. Harris for all of the hard work.
- PBIS theme last month was confidence, this month's is self-control. Reminding students of kindness and safety on the school playground.
- Parent teacher conferences are coming up, as well as the May 22nd Spring Concert and Fine Arts Night.

Treasurer's Report – Kevin Harris

- There is large club participation, up almost \$1K from where it was last year.
- Amazon is at \$826 now, compared to \$1K last year. Make sure you use the link to give Potter credit for your purchases.
- We are within \$300 of last year's revenue amount. Expenses are up a bit but we expected the increase and can absorb it. Grant requests are down compared to last year.
- Projectors have been mounted on ceilings in first floor classrooms, and during April vacation second floor classrooms will be updated.

Committee Reports

- Fine Arts Night – A sign up genius will be going out as many volunteers are needed to help prepare students' artwork for display. Each student will have both a print and a piece of potter displayed this year.
- Robotics – it was a great success, and robotics clubs will hopefully be expanded to other schools next year.
- Fun Run – the teachers' meeting is April 29th, the pep rally May 24th, and the run is Wednesday June 5th. There are two runs, one for K, 1& 2 and another for 3, 4 & 5. A sign up genius will go out for volunteers, and there are still a few spots available if you'd like to sponsor custom PRS t-shirts. The shirt order is going in soon, and sponsors will cover the cost of a shirt for each student. This year's goal is to raise \$12,500 (last year approximately \$15K was raised). Next year instead of an actual run they will be doing a Just Dance Revolution party, which takes place in winter months. We are in need of chairs to oversee this next year. The company does the vast majority of all the work, we just need to market it and be the liaison between the team and PRS.

- New chairs – next year we will be looking for people to be the chair(s) of, or shadow the leaving chair(s) for:
 - Charleston Wrap
 - Lego League
 - Robotics
 - Monster Money Challenge
 - Scholastic Book Fair
 - Restaurants
 - Fun Run
 - Celebration for Brazil's Independence Day on Sept. 7th.
- Kindergarten Orientation – Monday June 3rd, a sign up genius will go out for parents to assist.

Other Miscellaneous Business

- Drop off procedures behind school: there are many dangerous incidents occurring. Framingham's safety director, along with superintendent Dr. Tremblay, observed the procedures in place and provided advise on how to improve them. Cones are being setup to make two lanes, one for rolling drop off and the other for parking. Parent volunteers are needed to help with this. The February 2019 PTO meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board.
- Raffle winners were announced. A letter to thank businesses for their donations, which will include our tax ID, will be drafted. A rough calculation showed we raised \$269 with the raffle.
- An idea to compose an end of the year summary was presented which would go out school wide to let the PRS community know what the PTO was able to support throughout the year. This idea was strongly supported by the PTO.
- Ms. Camarota proposed an idea to start a Dungeons & Dragons club. It is a collaborative role playing game which helps children communicate. Would most likely be open to 5th graders. Details will be figured out as the idea was supported by all.
- March's meeting minutes were approved.

The meeting was called to a close by SaRah BoweRs.

The next PTO meeting will take place on
Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 PM in the
cafeteria.