

Powers PTO Minutes- August 12, 2019- 6:00 PM

Welcome/Attendees: Please Sign in

Principal's Report (Mrs. Schwartz): Exciting news for the 2019/2020 school year: Introduction to an assistant principal, Mrs. Engle. We will also introduce Spanish to grades K-2nd. Sessions will be two times a week for 20 minutes. Students will receive a S or U grade for Spanish as they would for specials. Kindergarten will continue with a staggered start the same as last year. Example: first half of alphabet will attend a morning session with a parent, second half of alphabet will attend an afternoon session with a parent for the first day of school. In need of volunteers for August 27th- 30th :

- Kindergarten Recess
- Lunch line

Picture Day is September 24th

New Building dedication will take place on November 17th. Students will move in January after Christmas break. The students will get to go to the new building a week prior to break to get acclimated.

President- Sarah Kuchel

- Open House- Monday August 19 4:30PM-5:30PM
 - Volunteers needed to work PTO table in the gym- Sign up Genius will go out
 - Membership forms will be available with the online link to Cheddar up to sign up/ make donation. The link will also be provided via social media after class lists are posted on August 14th.
 - We will also advertise the Wizards Event and Yankee candle fundraiser
- Current open positions- Social & Coke Rewards. Verbal commitment from:
 - Social: Amanda Gallo & Stacy Bruce
 - Coke Rewards: Jen Gordon
- Social Media- Follow us on FB & Twitter- best ways to get up to date information.
- Back to School Gifts for Teachers- in past Target Gift Cards to all classes. Will discuss and decide who.
- Committee Chairs – Please obtain approval from Mrs. Schwartz and be sure to keep the secretaries informed of events and provide them an extra copy of any flyers distributed to students. You may email them if that works best.
 - Lisa Dadas: lisa_demich@amherstk12.org
 - Becky Demich: becky_demich@amherstk12.org

Vice President- Jen Wolf will send out sign up genius for volunteers so everyone has an equal opportunity to sign up.

Secretary-Brittany Rosario

- Welcome, Brittany!

Treasurer- Amanda Dougherty

- Discussed total balance for PTO funds is currently at \$17,700 with an estimated revenue of \$30,000 for the 2019/2020 school year. The PTO has committed to funding \$40,000 to the new Powers playground. \$20,000 will be paid to fulfill that commitment this coming school year.
- Discussed incorporating Shop-a-Roo to accumulate cash via scanning receipts. Also, need to advertise for families to register their Giant Eagle cards for the school

Bake Sale- Lisa Phillips

- Fall Conference Night Bake Sale: October 10th. Will send a sign-up for volunteers to work the bake sale

Box Tops- Toni Racy

- Box Top Update: They are beginning to phase to electronic box tops, so we need to accumulate all tops currently in circulation until phased out.

Field Day- Jen Wolf

- This will be Jen's last year at Powers. We need one or two co-chairs who will be at Powers for a few years to help Jen. She will train these people so they can take over in 2020/2021!

Fundraiser- Darcie Parsons

- *Yankee Candle*: Online sales Aug. 15- Dec. 1st. Anything purchased online using Power's code will get credited to Powers. Catalog September 25- October 15th with pick-up taking place November 7th 5PM-8PM. Will send a call out to remind parents.
- Harlem Wizards: Expected to sell out. Will take place on October 19, 2019 at 6PM. Doors open at 5PM. Will sell paper and online tickets. Still in need of donations, monetary, concession, etc. Any business/ organization that provides a sponsorship will receive their logo on the back of player shirts. Last year this event alone raised \$10,000. It is considered a community event, we are looking for ways to get the community more involved.

Homecoming- Melissa Thompson

- Homecoming will take place on Friday September 27th. Will need volunteers to help decorate for parade.

Right to Read Week- Morgan Wachholz/Ann Jones. Will take place during Dr. Suess' Birthday 1st week of March.

Room Events- Heather Pearch. Instead of treats (due to allergies) we have moved to three crafts a year provided to each classroom from PTO. Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day.

Santa will come December 19th for grades K-2 and the 18th for preschool.

Teacher Appreciation- Kimi Alen

Hospitality - Christine George

Yearbook- Mrs. Schwartz

Next Meeting: September 6, 2019 @ 11:30 AM