
In Attendance

Jennifer D'Angelo –President, Jessica Stearns – VP, Sarah Susco – Treasurer, Emily Shrader – Secretary
Brian Kalkreuth- Principal,
Parents- Samantha Saren, Robin Foley, Danielle Lavallee, Kelly Hanretta

Introductions

Everyone was introduced.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Kalkreuth thanks the PTA for the Read Across America books and thanks the PTA for the funding with the enrichment programs offered by Carol Glynn.
- District Budget Info: There is a Board of Finance meeting on 3/28 and a Public Hearing on 4/24. Mr. Newton is requesting input on the Athletic Director position and there will be a feedback forum on 3/22.

Treasurer's Report

- Sarah reviewed the **Profits and Losses** sheet. Profits include an item return, Cookbook sales, Flanders Fish, and Yearbook sales. Expenses include Basket Raffle purchases, Cash Box, Enrichment (\$6,000), Read Across America, and Teacher Appreciation. This month we brought in \$828.35 and spent \$7,125.20. The bank balance is \$19,952.78 at Chelsea Groton and \$7,742.94 at M & T for a total of \$27,695.72.

Fundraiser's Report/Unfinished Business

- **Flanders Fish** brought in \$498.63.
- **Butter Braids-** So far we have made \$1,628. We will need volunteers on 3/31 1:15-3:30 and 3:30-6:00. To sort and distribute. 4th grade had the most sales and will receive extra recess.
- **Yearbook:** Yearbooks are on sale now. Some 4th grade parents are trying to purchase yearbooks, but the PTA pays for 4th grade yearbooks. 4th grade parents only need to pay the personalization fee (\$6.95) if they want the yearbook personalized.
- **District Budget:** The BOE voted to approve an 8.88% increase (up from 6.97%) to include all 18.5 positions that were originally cut. Next steps: there will be a Board of Finance meeting on 3/28 at 6:30pm at the high school to present the budget. BOF typically cuts the budget so please consider showing your support.
- **Read Across America:** Kristin Rock was able to purchase 111 books with the money we gave her. Books were distributed to classrooms and specialty classrooms.

Upcoming Events/New Business

- **4th Grade Ice Cream Truck:** PTA pays for an ice cream truck as an end of year celebration. Last year we used Ice Cream Emergency (an ambulance ice cream truck), which was \$600 and includes a choice of 6 flavors including sherbet- one scoop of ice cream, chocolate or rainbow sprinkles, and whipped cream. Jen called Jumping Cow Ice Cream Truck for comparison, and they charge \$400 for one generous scoop in a cup or cone, a choice of 9 flavors, including a dairy free option. Topping choices include rainbow or

chocolate sprinkles, mini m & m's, crushed oreos, and gummy bears. The attendees voted on it and decided that Jumping Cow seemed like the better choice.

- **Nominating Committee:** We are looking for a couple of volunteers to be on the nominating committee. The purpose of the committee is to recognize and seek qualified individuals to fill open positions on the PTA board next year. Available positions will be announced in the coming weeks. If you have an interest in being on the PTA, please don't join the Nominating Committee.
- **Spring Book Fair:** 3/17-3/24- Teachers' preview is 3/17. We have an extra day to fill for volunteers since we are going Friday to Friday this time. We still need some volunteers. Sam offered to fill in the morning slot 9:00 to 10:00am on Thursday. The first slot is typically difficult to fill. There are still more slots available on the sign up genius. Please make sure you have your volunteer paperwork completed. Remember to shop before/after conferences until 3:00pm. The Fair will also be open during Family Fun Night/Basket Raffle on 3/23. Please use eWallet. The class with the most eWallet funds will be rewarded with a free basket of books for the class. We also accept cash, check and credit card but credit cards may freeze machines. 25% to 50% of sales will come back to us in a combination of cash and scholastic dollars, which benefits the school so get your holiday/birthday/Easter shopping done at the Fair!
- **Family Fun Night & Basket Raffle:** 3/23/23- 6pm to 8pm. We will have the Rolling Tomato (no fee and no minimum) and Jumping Cow Ice Cream truck (\$350 minimum- PTA would have to pay the difference if they don't make \$350). Food will be purchased outside, and families can eat in the cafeteria. Entertainment will be Magic by Derek (\$275) and will be on the stage side of the big gym. The baskets will be on the opposite side of the gym. Please bring address labels to help you fill out tickets faster.

Comments/Next Meeting

The next Lillie B. PTA meeting is April 19, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Lillie B. Haynes Library.