

PTO Meeting Monday, October 17, 2022
7:00pm
Via Zoom

Attendees:

Erica Swift, Jen Foss, Joanna Binette, Karin Ballantine, Meredith McCafferty, Andrea Mikkola, Nicole Skutul, Andrea Doton, Kate Ryan, Tracy Meehan, Mary Kriger, Laura Driscoll, Missy Tupa

Zoom: Carly Levy, Cheryl, Sarah Henry

Meeting Agenda:

- 1) President's Report
 - a. This is our PTO, all of us and we want to hear from you about what events you want to happen. Either email or find us on facebook/facebook messenger
- 2) Principal's Report
 - a. Ticket system, you may see your child bring tickets home. One student from each homeroom used to win each month, but now we are trying to catch students doing things at all the different times. They will get a "ticket" when recognized to enter into a raffle. Any person in the building at any time can recognize kids for doing great things. Seems to be more inclusive.
 - b. Larger community meetings, fun event, speakers, etc. Will pull one name from each grade as a raffle at the meeting. May give out pembroke swag, or sit with the Pembroke HS varsity basketball team, etc. May need funding from PTO for some of those gifts.
 - c. Trying to think of people who can come and talk to the kids (e.g. Police Chief, parents, older kids, bringing back enrichment like the "Brain Game,")
 - d. 6th grade ambassador's club. Leadership opportunity for older students. Have to be in good academic and behavioral standing. They may read to younger kids, do a presentation of character traits at the assembly, teach kids things, give them an opportunity to lead. Mrs. Snee and Mrs. Christmas are running it.
 - e. Request we had in the past for ice cream: PTO has donated a line of funding, believe in the past it was \$200. For parents that can't afford it or people that don't have money in their account, the staff has been trying to pay for them. Requesting a fund from the PTO for ice cream.
 - f. MCAS scores went home last week. Will have this inform grade level instructions and reading instructors/tutors, etc. based on data from reading assessment and other assessments. Math and reading tutors are a great asset. If your child is in need of a tutor, you will find that out, they would send something home about what they are working on.
 - g. School Committee meeting tomorrow night, they will do a first-read of our School Improvement Plan. They will read it and see what questions/feedback they have. Once it gets approved by end of November, we will share it on website and with the PTO. Goals are focusing on social/emotional learning, particularly coming out of COVID, celebrating community, academics. This is the first time we have had a reading specialist full-time, which is a huge asset and will focus a lot on that.

- h. First round of conferences coming up on November 10, 11:30-3pm. They will be virtual or in-person.
 - i. Received an email for grade 6 families that we are bringing back Camp Bournedale in the way it used to be. Overnight with all three schools. In the past, PTO has supported students who can't afford it. Question: do we know if the cost went up? Not yet. It will be in May.
- 3) Report from Secretary:
- a. Report from Mrs. Charpentier
 - b. Huge financial report for the annual report
 - c. Making sure minutes are on our website and folks can access them
 - d. Committees
 - e. Vice President's report and event planning: Halloween even will be more traditional boo bash/monster mash, book fair in November, 6th grade is forming fundraising/planning committee, recess committee and building a shed for recess equipment, changing bylaws: adding a line item for field day and teacher appreciation.
 - f. Votes from last time: Last year the special education teachers were added to the teacher requests. 1) The Psychologists/counselors also asked to be added to the budget for teacher's request for \$100 each. 2) Reading specialist would also like to be added for \$100. 3) EL teacher for \$50 as she is part-time. 4) Add an additional scholarship opportunity for graduating seniors.
 - g. Approve meeting minutes from September
- 4) Update from Joanna (co-treasurer):
- a. Expenses
 - i. Plimoth Pawtuxet museum - all set with MRs. Rushton
 - ii. Paid for DJ for Halloween party
 - b. Fundraisers
 - i. Textiles
 - ii. 5th grade fundraiser, Boon Supply
 - iii. \$1170 from open house, Karin is working on the venmo for this. She will transfer directly into Rockland.
 - c. Budget (we are self-funded for the year, always raising for the next year)
 - d. PTO pays for all of the field trips, we allocate \$20/student
- 5) VP Report (they are in charge of committee chairs)
- a. Boo Bash/Monster Mash
 - i. More traditional event like past few years
 - ii. Selling baked goods/waters outside of the gym
 - iii. Gym will be DJ for the older kids
 - iv. Younger kids activities, coloring, crafts, and stuffed animals
 - v. Have 7th/8th grade volunteers; may need some more adult chaperones
 - vi. Avoiding candy that is just out/be careful of allergens/cross-contamination; do we need to have a nurse? No, it is not during school.
 - b. Book Fair
 - i. Bringing back family night
 - ii. Will need to work with Joanna about getting change/cash
 - iii. Reminding people about the book fair/link to set up accounts
 - c. Need Chairs for:

- i. Recess Committee
 - ii. 5th Grade Fundraising
 - iii. Easy Money
 - iv. Someone reached out about library volunteers; talk to Mrs. Nugent about what she needs.
 - v. Would be nice to let people know what the time commitment is for each of the Chairs - or let them know they can co-chair together.
 - d. **Ongoing Events/Fundraising**
 - i. Box tops
 - ii. Bay State Textiles
 - iii. Amazon Smile
 - iv. Script fundraiser
- 6) Ongoing Business
- a. Accept October Treasurer's Report - motion (Missy Tupa), second (Laura Driscoll), all approved
 - b. Formation of recess committee- still looking for chair. Teachers expressed some concern about carts, so then the idea came up about a shed/structure. Anyone interested in chairing/joining the committee? There is an Eagle Scout that will be going to the school committee that will build a gaga court. Anything that is fixed, needs to be approved by school committee. Could involve the ambassadors about tracking equipment, etc.
 - c. Changes to PTO documents for additional scholarship and teacher allocations- Joanna suggested we table this to next month. We need a quorum of 10.
 - d. Still seeking Family Communication Point Person for each grade: This person would work with the different event chairs to disseminate information to their grade level. They would do this via email, facebook, etc.
- 7) New Business
- a. Mrs. Swift asked about funding for the monthly community meetings. Joanna suggested to use the \$500 in the principal's funds first and then see what Mrs. Swift thinks she needs going forward and then request from there.
 - b. What is going on with the bussing situation with field trips. School has a contract with First Student. We are limited to the time because they have to be back for high school and middle school. There is also a shortage of busses. We can call other companies, but they are short-staffed as well. Start to think about bringing enrichment here, hiring more bus drivers (lots of incentives right now), and use of the School District's buses with someone with a CDL license when not in use for sports.
 - c. 6th grade has started to fundraise and plan for 6th grade events.
 - d. PTO meeting at Christina's or something in person with raffles, appetizers, try to get people to come and bring a friend and joining the PTO; meet and greet; comedian/adult social
- 8) Vote on the following:
- a. Allocate \$200 for the ice cream fund. Did we create an account? Worked with Cindy to create an account and they helped us set it up. Motion from Mrs. Swift, Second from Andrea Mikkola, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:12pm