

# MARLBOROUGH PTO

Marlborough Elementary School

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

PTO Minutes (Recorded by Karen Sawyer)

## Call to Order

Kimberly DiSomma called meeting to order at 7:02 pm

## In attendance

Kimberly DiSomma, Melissa Jordan, Jessica Roy, Marin Ranta, Karen Sawyer, Nancy Visco, Dan White, Kim Kelly, Heidi Campbell, Beth Schwartz, Megan Lloyd, Karen DeCorleto, Susan Burkhardt, Karen Craig, Pattie Uccello

## Reading of the Minutes

Karen Sawyer made a motion to dispose of the reading of the minutes. Melissa Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## Presidents' Report

Ms. Uccello: Ms. Uccello wanted to say thank you for the money to purchase the books that will be used as part of the grade 3 to 5 Social Studies curriculum. She brought a sample of the books that were purchased. She said the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are very excited. Kids have been checking out the books – they are very engaged. Even reluctant readers are even choosing books. Ms. Uccello again said thank you from the teachers. Kimberly DiSomma said thank you to Pattie Uccello for coming up with the program.

Red Sox Ticket Update: Kimberly read an update. We are looking at the game on June 24, 2017 we believe it is a 7:05 PM start. It would be about \$38 per ticket for bleacher seats for a game against the Angles. Carrie Packer<sup>[ks1]</sup> has contacted 3 bus companies for pricing if we wanted to offer transportation. The company Constitution can accommodate 55 passengers at a cost of \$23 per person plus gratuity if the bus is full. It would be more per person if it is not full. We'd have to figure out how to best phrase the transportation option. Kim Kelley ask what would we do if we had more than one buses worth of people? A lot needs to be considered if we are going to offer transportation.

Scholastic Dollars: We have \$875 in Scholastic dollars that will expire on November 16<sup>th</sup>. \$600 will be used to purchase a rug for one of the classrooms which leaves \$375. It has been proposed that it be given to the administration to use as they see fit.

Summer Reading Incentive: Justin Mazz came back and performed again this year – kids really loved it. Justin was really great – he really promoted the library.

## Vice Presidents' Report

Nothing new to report. PTO Blasts to go out as laid out at September meeting.

## Secretaries' Report

Mrs. Gaulin thanked the PTO for the new playscape. It allows her students to be more independent. The students from the preschool also sent a beautiful card thanking the PTO for the new playscape.

### **Treasurers' Report**

Jessica Roy reported on items that had been paid out since the last meeting. \$700 was paid out for Summer Reading and Math Assembly. There were 3 teacher reimbursements paid out for the 2016-17 school year totaling \$222.45. Remaining payouts were for paper statements. Total monies paid out since last meeting totaled \$928.45.

No deposits since last meeting.

The balance in the checking account is \$14,765.77 and the Certificate of Deposit had current balance of \$9,057.38.

Kimberly DiSomma motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Melissa Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

### **Principal/Assistant Principal Report**

Kim Kelley said when the 6<sup>th</sup> was at Winding Trails they were given a brochure from someone there that has started a company similar to what scientist Chris has done in past years. The information was going to be shared with the teachers as well. They wanted to say thank you again for the playscape, the kids are really enjoying it. They have posted new pictures on the website. Information about Trunk or Treat has been included in the Thursday letter. Dan White said the 6<sup>th</sup> graders are very excited about participating.

### **Teachers' Representatives Report**

Karen Craig wanted to know if we needed teachers to help. Melissa Jordan said we could use ideas for Multi-Cultural day. Kimberly said I'm sure we can find some things that the teachers can help out with. She also wanted to make sure that all the teachers got the AmazonSmile letter.

### **Committee/Group Reports**

Funds for Fun: Audrey Skorski finished the flyer and has sent it to Dan and Kim for review. Hopefully that will go out soon. Deadline is November 22.

Trunk or Treat: Things are in decent shape. 17 cars have signed up; Theresa ideally would like at least 5 more. 72 children's tickets have been sold – this is kind of on the low side. As for volunteers, they could use a few more teen workers and a few more adults to supervise. Candy donations are also low. Theresa was able to get about 40 pumpkins donated.

Election Day Bake Sale: The Hooker family is donating 2 cases of the Avery sodas. We are running extended hours this year in hopes to boost sales.

Winter Book Fair: Nancy Visco has received the marketing materials but hasn't looked them over yet.

Ice Cream Social: Melissa Jordan everything is all set for the social.

Conference Dinner: Jessica Winans is in charge of the conference dinner this year. It is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> from about 4:30 until 6 PM. We are going to send out a short form reminder to see if we can get a few more people signed up to cook.

Giving Tree: Wish list items for essential arts and specials teachers. Tracy Corey pulls it together. They will be posted the week of conference until the first or second week of December. Megan Llyod asked if the information was available electronically for parents that might not be at the school. Beth Schwartz asked if the gifts are supposed to be anonymous because she would love to be able to write a thank you note. Most are done anonymously – people just want to do something nice – don't want the credit.

Spring Fling: Dawn Tavolieri was going to investigate options; we haven't heard back from her on progress.

Trivia Night: We should look for an end of February/beginning of March to hold the event.

#### On Going Fundraisers:

Paw Prints

Still getting a few sales here and there

Box Tops

Nancy is still counting box tops that were submitted. She is looking for ideas for prizes. Karen Sawyer suggested contacting Pez or using Scholastic dollars for gift cards to give to the kids. Karen Craig said the kids really like having a food celebration with their class.

#### **New Business**

Karen DeCorleto and Heidi Campbell brought up the idea of a 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance. Help prepare the kids with proper social skills for these kinds of events when they reach middle school. Hoping that it will be less awkward with kids that they have known since kindergarten. There are 94 kids in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Dan brought up that Park and Rec are sponsoring a 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Discuss again at January meeting, see how things went in November. The possibility of doing a fundraiser with the Yard Goats was raised. It was decided that this is not something we should consider this year with the uncertainty of what is going on with the stadium construction.

The PTO received an anonymous request for additional equipment for the playground carts to replace the equipment that has been lost or broken. Kimberly made a motion to approve spending for replacement equipment up to \$500, Jessica Roy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Megan Lloyd brought up a potential fundraising opportunity that has been brought to her attention. It's a sports app that the PTO would get a portion of the sales, it is geared towards adults. Megan didn't have all the details about the application, the PTO would need more information before it could promote it. Megan would look into it.

**Adjournment** –Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

Next Meeting: November 16th @ 7:00