

PTO Meeting - Sept 4, 2018

Attendees: Kasey Schneider, Emanuela Beshi, Frank Salamone, Heather Rodgers, Valerie Beard, Evelyn Banks, Marisa Amara, Carol Nadasen, Kimberly LaGrega, Tracianna Williams, Vanessa Bjorkdahl, Melissa Dube, Jamie Andrews, Ashley McEvoy, Colleen Bradshaw, Jamie McCallum, Michele Friedeberg, Jason Arcuri, Karen Zokas, Christine Martino, Jaclyn Kane, Harley Jablonski

Board: Rachael VanNess, Heather Dwyer, Karen O'Leary, Jill Wiebke, Mrs. Forish

Welcome and Introduction - BOARD members above for the 2018-2019 school year. Also a new add-on to the board as of 9/3/18 is Colleen Bradshaw who will serve as co-treasurer. Discussion about future PTO meeting day of the week and location. May send out a survey monkey for feedback.

Teacher Representative report - Cindy Rosa - 3rd grade teacher - liaison between the PTO and teachers. Nothing to report to date.

Principal's Report - Many new staff members, 2 new 4th grade teachers Mr. Jordan, Miss Dennen also welcome back to Mrs. Musante. Mrs. Passarelli came back to 1st grade. A few new para professionals as well. 9/20 is picture day.

Secretary's Report - Please be sure to sign in by the door AND write your name to be entered into a raffle at the end of the meeting for your child (and a friend) to have lunch with Mrs. Forish and the chance to win a \$5 Dunkin Donut gift card.

Treasurer's Report - Highlights last year - With \$71K in income and \$63K in expenses, most of the money we handled last year was pass through - meaning we collected money and paid it directly back to vendors. Our biggest sources of income were Stop&Shop A+ Rewards and the Fall Fundraiser. Our biggest expenses were Technology (iPad and chrome carts), Teacher Grants, and Cultural Enrichment. This year - we are doing a few new things, but mostly hoping to raise money again with Stop&Shop and the fall fundraiser. We will also continue to make significant investment in teacher grants and cultural enrichment. This year, the PTO will use paypal to reimburse expenses. If you submit an expense voucher, you will have an option to be reimbursed by check (as before) OR Paypal.

Kindergarten Orientation - Rachael - 4 kindergarten classes went great despite the heat.

Back to School Picnic - Liz McConnon is taking the lead again and looking for someone to shadow her. Coordinating pizza, volunteers, games and music for the afternoon. Sign up genius has been distributed.

Costume Craze - Colleen Bradshaw - fun COMMUNITY event where we take in donations of Halloween costumes. Kids-Adult - 10/13 - all costumes \$5. Looking for someone to shadow and volunteers to help sell the costumes. Look for sign-up genius to be emailed in the next few weeks.

Spiritwear - Jill Wiebke - we will open the online Spiritwear store from 9/12-9/21. Items that have been offered in the past as well as new pajama pants option.

Coupon Books - Jill Wiebke - We will be sending one coupon book home per family at \$25 per book. For every book that sells, the PTO will profit \$12.50. There is also an app that you can download to your phone. All orders will be due by October 1st.

Fall Fundraiser - Heather Dwyer - link on our website - again this is one of our best fundraisers historically.

Student Directory - currently collecting orders. Contact information that families elect to share. Hope to have distributed late sept/early October.

Eagle Sign - looking for a new chair. Giant eagle in cafeteria. For \$10 you can rent the eagle for the day to honor your student. (Birthdays, accomplishments etc).

Wingman Running Club - new this year grades 3-5. Amy Parrot in the region runs this at LMES - after school. Angie Guardiano will most likely be assisting....runs through Dylan's Wings of Change - being kind, character development. There is a fee, t-shirt - donation back to PTO. Flyers have gone home.

Stop and Shop A+ Rewards - we can no longer enter people so we are asking YOU to do it. Looking for someone to take over, facilitate some flyers to go out and re-register us as a school. All previous numbers have rolled over from years passed.

OPEN Committees/Help Wanted

Merchandise, BOE Rep (parent perspective to report back to us) - potentially create a sign-up to spread responsibility, Tip-A-Teacher co-chair (Marisa Amara, now co-chair would love another younger parent to assist), Costume Craze, Square 1 Art (after school art project coordination of orders etc), After School Enrichment (did not run last spring because we did not have anyone to run in) - typically Tues and Thursday after school. Paid position \$300 to sign kids in and sign out at end., Amazon Smile Grants - always interested in finding someone to do some grant writing, BINGO, Hospitality, Room Parent Coordinator; (one meeting in beginning of the year along with reminders) Website; Heather currently running and looking for some assistance.

Raffles

Lunch with Mrs. Forish – Carol Nadasen
Dunkin Donut \$5- Logan Arcuri

Important Dates to Remember:

9/6 – Open House Grades 3-5
9/10 – No School
9/12 – Back to School Picnic
9/17 – Board of Ed Meeting
9/18 – Open House
9/19 – No School
9/20 – School Picture Day
9/20 – Open House K-2nd Grade

10/2 – NEXT PTO Meeting