

**September 5th, 2017**  
**PES PTO Monthly Meeting**  
**9:30 AM Cafeteria**

**Attendance:** Marisa Amara, Sarah Bordeau, Nicole Campbell, Trista DiDonato, Heather Dwyer, Christine Martino, Susie Peluso, Heather Rodgers, Frank Salamone, Amy Vayan

**Board Members:** Kasey Schneider, Rachael Van Ness, Liz McConnon, Stefanie Schimenti, Jill Wiebke, Theresa Forish.

**Welcome** from Kasey and introductions to the rest of the board members listed above for the 2017-2018 school year. Kasey and Rachael co-president. Stefanie and Liz co-treasurer. Jill Secretary.

**Cindy Rosa - Teacher Representative for PTO** (3rd grade teacher) - Mrs. Mastropietro would like to remind parents that a letter went home with Mrs. Forish email - volunteers weekly are needed in the library. Please help spread the word and volunteer your time if you can. Mrs. Bronson (our music teacher) is looking for donations of ANY beanie babies that you might have in your possession that you are willing to part with.

**Mrs. Forish** - Welcome everyone to new school year. New staff –

- Katie Cody 1st grade, not new to district was out on family leave was at Middlebury ES.
- New Kindergarten Alex Slopatchuk from New Haven (charter school).
- Breanne Cronk new 4th grade teacher to replace Mrs. Matthews.
- New tutor Shannon Barbarisi
- New intern Chakira Marquez.

Not many curriculum changes... reading transition for 5th graders

K-3 new social studies curriculum (inquiry based)

For lunch/recess – Kindergarten is now separate. 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades together, 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> together. 5th grade also alone.

Open House Tuesday and Thursday night with staggering start times for each grade. Visit new media center. 5th grade will present in the cafeteria as a team.

Picture Day next week - the 13th.

Spirit Days will begin once a month

In the evening on 9/14, there will be an internet safety discussion for parents and high school age kids. A separate presentation will be given in school to 5th graders and middle schoolers.

Photography policy is an opt out policy...if you do NOT want pictures of your child in communication, you need to opt out.

**Secretary's Report** - please be sure to sign in and put your name in the raffle for lunch with Mrs. Forish and chance to win a \$5 Dunkin Donut gift card.

**Treasurer's report** - For the school year of 2016-2017, we ended at a net loss, or expense position of (\$5,496.85) which, given the money spent for the Library renovation, is a great ending position. The Library renovation (cost of \$29,999.12 for the new furniture and shelving + iPad refresh for \$11,790) was primarily funded by the 50th anniversary and retained earnings from prior year fundraisers, while the other events held for the year were funded by the current year fundraisers.

From a budget point of view, we have exceeded expectations or spent less on quite a few events, which contributed to a higher gain than projected thus far and allowed for a ramp up of the Library renovation and technology refresh, earlier than anticipated. Improved events include the Author/Illustrator, Fall

Fundraiser, Tip A Teacher, Valentine's Carnations, Book Fair, Spiritwear, Family Picnic, Eagle Sign, and NotePads.

Ending PTO balance (available funds) for June, of which becomes the opening balance for September 2017: \$22,911.47, of which Checking is \$15,171.67; Savings \$6,709.33; Library Fund \$1,030.47.

### Committee Reports:

1. **Back to School Picnic** - Liz McConnon – will be held next Tuesday 12th with rain date on the 19th. Pizza for sale, everything else is a free night of ice cream, pop corn, lemonade. Face painting. Still looking for volunteers. Please use sign-up genius link [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0844AEAD2EAAFE3-back](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0844AEAD2EAAFE3-back)
2. **Box tops/Hospitality** - collecting box tops! Keep clipping and soon we will send out information for collection.
3. **Costume Craze** - Colleen Bradshaw. Collect gently used Halloween costumes - Sept. 29th maybe at movie night - Sept. 30th. Date still to be confirmed.
4. **Spiritwear** - size samples at open house. Will be closing shop on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.
5. **Movie Night** - Sept. 29th 6:30 free event, feel free to bring bean bag chairs, pillows etc. Not sure yet of movie selection. Kim Cunningham chairing.
6. **Free Money** - A+ rewards / Amazon - set as default for amazon smile. Collect stop and shop numbers.
7. **Mabel's Labels/Notepads** - dishwasher/ washing machine safe. \$5 notepads available for early dismissal or absence notes.
8. **Cultural Enrichment** - Trista DiDonato, just getting started. Cultural enrichment sept. 15th show that they will be going to explore different options. Looking for anyone interested to join Trista to decide on Fall showcase
9. **Eagle Sign** - displayed in cafeteria, can purchase online this year (thanks Heather Dwyer) \$10 to celebrate your child.
10. **Fall Fundraiser** - Stefanie Schimenti - can do donations online. Funds cultural enrichment, teacher grants etc.
11. **Square 1 Art** - Kelly Donahue/ Liz McConnon - this year it will be sent home for your child to complete. Will come home mid/late September and will be due back mid-October so that all ordered will be back before the Holidays.
12. **Supply Pack Delivery** - Jen has been doing this for 5/6 years looking for someone to take over. Contract signed in November for the following year. Time commitment is end of august when packets are delivered to separate by classroom.
13. **Student Directory** - contact information of class lists, staff, and parent information for PES related events. Heather Hauck redesigning for this year. Our policy for school is that you can't send birthday invites to school if you are not inviting the whole class.

### Open Committees:

School Supply Packs, Stop+Shop A+ rewards (easy starter program to help out), Merchandise (note pads etc, Amazon), Cultural Enrichment (to choose and organize 2 shows for the school year)

### Other Business:

Picture Day on Wednesday September 13th - need volunteers – signupgenius link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4faaaa2baafd0-picture1>

Music Room - in need of beanie babies

Lunch with Mrs. Forish - Colleen Bradshaw

Dunkin Donuts - Amy Vayan

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

9/11 & 9/25 @ 7:30 – BOE Meeting @ PHS

9/12 from 4:30-6:30 – Back to School Picnic

9/13 – School Picture Day

9/14 @ 6:30 – Internet Safety Presentation @ PHS

9/21 – No School

\*\*\* Please join us for our next PTO Meeting – 10/3 @ 9:30am \*\*\*