

PTA Meeting Minutes 1.8.2019

Attendees: Deanna Laird (President), Frederica Carpenter (VP/Secretary), Michelle Oteri (Treasurer), John Stevens (Principal), Brooke Leahy, Heather Hunt, Susan Sanford, Kate Lefer, Tess Temple, Ellen Wannamaker, Laura Walton, Pam Hurley.

Meeting started at 5:30pm

I. PTA Introductions & Update

- Review and approved minutes from December PTA Meeting, 12-11-2018.
- Membership Update: Distributed report (as of 12-11-2018) 43 paid memberships to-date 2018-2019.
 - Additional PTA membership sign-ups received at meeting, will be added to next report.
 - Reconfirmed PTA membership is annual, and prerequisite for Teacher/Staff grants applications.
- PTA will alternate schedule evening & morning meeting times to accommodate more people's schedules. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 12th @ 8:20am at Edgartown School (to be re-confirmed)
- PTA recruit networking event: to be scheduled for early March. (Location: Rockfish? To be confirmed)

II. Teacher/Staff Presentations for Donation Grant

Five presentations. PTA approved funding for 4 out of 5 requests. Refer to grant applications for details.

- Tess Temple: 4th grade ELL Software package "Raz Kids Pro" (\$599.85) for 1 year - approved.
- Kate Lefer: Parent-Child Math Games Night (\$1,000) approved funded by PTA every other year for 5 yrs.
- Ellen Wannamaker: Supplemental math program for K-5 (\$1,068) – approved.
- Laura Walton: Folders (\$500), Music Stands and I-Pad (~\$700) – approved.
- Pam Hurley: Alternative seating bands. Will provide specific request, teacher feedback, more info to PTA.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Reconfirmed that audit completed. Tax Filing pending.
- Follow-up discussion with Melinda Defeo needed to streamline Garden account process.
- Reimbursement for Brooke Leahy: \$150.58 (PTA supplies) – Approved.

III. Committees & Fundraising Updates

- Classroom Parents (Brooke Leahy)
- Anti-Bullying / Climate (Heather Hunt)
 - Jan 8 meeting: Recap survey results as follow-up to 10/15 assemblies, overall positive impact.
 - Next meeting: Tuesday, March 19th at 11:30am
 - Contact Heather Hunt if would like to join committee and/or next meeting.
 - Jim Jordan's Website: ReportBullying.com - a great resource for parents.
- Health & Wellness
 - Quarterly meetings: nutrition, health, exercise initiatives. Susan Sanford, PTA representative.
 - Meeting on Wednesday, Jan 16 @3pm. Need to get update on meetings (ask Nicole Barlett)
- PTA Recruitment / Marketing, PTA Bulletin Board:
 - Thanks Brooke for awesome bulletin board, ongoing ideas for PTA recruitment & marketing!
- Fundraising Updates:
 - A+ Rewards – Stop & Shop (Pam Hurley)
 - Raised to-date 2018/2019 school year: \$3,327. 450 have registered.
 - Garden:
 - Melinda running Seed Fundraiser mid-January to mid-February.
 - Melinda to provide estimate: additional greenhouse infrastructure need i.e. electricity.
 - Schoola:
 - Postponed drive to beginning of April. Deanna looking for volunteer to help coordinate.
 - There is a simplified process for donating clothes (refer to website).
 - Amazon Smile: Deanna distributed posters prior to last meeting (November)
 - Vineyard Propane: Deanna reconfirmed update from Heidi that we reached \$2K threshold!! Check will be received in the spring.
 - Box Tops: Val LaVigne confirmed to be coordinating box top program. (Thanks Val!)

IV. Key Events:

- Pizza Bingo Night: Friday, January 25 @5:30 – 7pm. (rescheduled from March 22nd)
 - Bethh Zeller, organizing. Using signup.com
- PTA Auction / Dine-to-Donate Event at The Wharf on Saturday, February 2nd.
 - Heather organizing donations list. (Deanna has 2017 list.)
 - Save the date announcements starting mid-January.
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon: Wednesday, May 8
 - PTA voted at December meeting to buy half-price tickets from Waterside on April 1st
- School spring event: to be confirmed.

V. New Business

- Put on Agenda for February PTA Meeting: Buddy Bench
- Carryover November PTA Meeting: PTA would like to have more diverse representation and involvement with our Brazilian community. Deanna, Brooke and John Stevens following up to address this need.

Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday, February 12 @ 8:20am (to be confirmed)

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm