

# Cunniff School PTO Meeting

October 1, 2019

## Principal's Update

Our Little Free Libraries have arrived and will be placed at the path door, cove door and three more out front for a total of five. A letter will be sent home to families explaining what can be put in and students will be able to put books in and take them out.

Belmont Books – Mena has been putting five books per month in the lobby. The owner of the store asked if we were interested in building a relationship with the store and have illustrators make visits to the school. There's no obligation to purchase, but a notice will be sent home to families publicizing the author or illustrator. The first visit will be from illustrator, Doug Salati. He will work on a leaf demonstration craft project with our Kindergarten students using his recent picture book, Lawrence in the Fall.

Mena urged us to spread the word about the new sign-in requirement at the office. After someone gives their ID the first time, the sign-in process will be expedited and a sticker will be printed right away.

## Upcoming Events

Tomorrow is National Walk to School Day. Stickers will be handed out by the teachers on duty in the morning.

The Fun Run is next Friday, October 11. The times went out to families by email. Coffee donations for parents are coming. Great Wolf Lodge passes are in for the student who raises the most funds. We are halfway to our goal of \$14,000. Coach T is ready for the event. Options for a finish line were discussed.

Halloween Party is scheduled for Friday, October 25. There's a big list of volunteers. 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be taking on the Cake Walk as their fundraiser. This year, booking events must begin at 6:30pm so the party will be held from 6:30-8:30pm. Tina suggested a spray henna tattoo option based on what she saw at the Faire on the Square this past weekend as the line moved quickly and it was very popular. Last year, we spent \$450 for the face painter and there was often a long wait.

## New Business

YAMA (Young Audiences Arts for Learning) performances – Co-Presidents attended and reported that the Afro-Brazilian Martial Arts Dance was engaging as well as the history of hip hop performance. The plan is to have a school-wide demonstration. Additionally, we were contacted by Senator Brownsberger and he would like to come to our PTO meeting on December 3. There's a new education bill that he would like to

discuss and hear our thoughts. Lowell PTO will be contacted to see if we want to combine our meetings for his visit.

### **Fundraisers**

- Meadow Farms is going well and shopping window closes in two weeks.
- Picture Day is scheduled for November 1.
- Police Escort Raffle is typically held November and dates are TBD. We should consider selling tickets during the first round of parent-teacher conferences.
- Scholastic Book Fair is held Wednesday, December 4 to Friday, December 6. Jen Nicholson will be the lead contact with Scholastic.

### **Event Recap**

Back to School Night was a successful evening and well attended.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Amanda reported that we have done seven teacher reimbursements for about \$100 each and \$270 in cash and checks has come in for the Fun Run (with over \$7,000 in online donations).