

# Cunniff School PTO Meeting

March 3, 2020

## Principal's Update

Mena gave an update on Cunniff West and how she has assigned current teachers to a classroom at a new building. There will be schedule changes to how gym is structured. Questions were fielded on the media program, bus etiquette, the playground, and demolition (which will take place at existing building this June).

## Upcoming Events

Family Fun Night (March 6) – Carm reported that middle schoolers are signed up to help, but more adults are needed for tickets.

Scholastic Book Fair (March 4, 5, 6) – Everything is ready for shopping to begin tomorrow. The fair will be open during the Family Fun Night from 6:30-7:30.

Spelling Bee (grades 1 through 5 district wide) – March 29

Literacy Night – date may change and more details to follow

Teacher Appreciation Week – May 4: Mena suggested furnishing the teacher's room for Cunniff West, which will benefit everyone at the satellite location. Other options include breakfast, lunch, display board for upgraded teacher's room to show the changes.

International Night – May 28: Judy attended the Lowell International Night to learn more about the event and gather ideas.

## New Business

Before School Gym program – Lee reported that at the Lowell School, the PTO sponsors an Open Gym for grades 1-2. Lee and Mike Tempesta discussed opening to all the grades (3 days a week and 2 grades each day). He suggested trying it for six weeks. The cost would be \$30 an hour so \$90 a week. We discussed doing two separate four week sessions so that students who were unable to fit because it would be a maximum of 25 students per day (first come, first serve for registration).

Basement clean out date – after this week's events, the only supplies downstairs will be what we need for field day. Volunteers are needed to sort through everything and bin up what is needed to keep. Lauren and Natasha offered to store supplies. WFPL Book Club program for Grade 3 and 5 in March are being offered at the Public Library. More information: Emily Miranda [emiranda@watertown-ma.gov](mailto:emiranda@watertown-ma.gov)

Field Day is going to be June 5 with a rain date of June 8.

Grant update from Natasha - \$1,000 received for the Young Audience assembly, Mena will book the two shows tomorrow and grants were also received for field trip bus costs.

### **Fundraisers**

Fire Truck Escort – first week in May, contact Deputy Ryan Nicholson with winner's name to coordinate the ride

Cunniff T-Shirts – at an end of the year picnic/farewell to the old Cunniff building or possibly a drawing to sell prints or posters

### **Upcoming PTO Meetings**

April 7

May 5

June 2