

## **2021-2022 Officers**

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## **PTO MEETING AGENDA**

**November 9, 2021 at 6:00pm**

### **Welcome**

### **Principal's Update**

- Picture day was a success
- Picture retakes will take place on December 12th. More information will be sent in Sunday's smore.
- Mena and teaches are looking into a "bring-in field trip" from mass audubon, museum of science, etc. to our science room
- PTO has money set aside for enrichment and field trips for students and will be able to financially support these opportunities for students.
- All enrichment opportunities will be hands-on science activities for students.
- Mena asked the PTO to give a ballpark range that each grade level has for field trips/enrichment. The PTO will be able to provide this information soon.
- Mena would like to hold a read-a-thon and book fair in January/February to help promote the school-wide reading initiative that will begin on November 29th. She would also like a spirit day that helps promote the reading initiative.
  - PTO will meet with Mena to discuss further details.
- Mena is looking to bring back the walking to school program.
  - A company will teach street safety to 2nd and 3rd graders.
  - Program will take place in the spring.

### **Old Business**

- Our first "Trunk or Treat" was a huge success!
  - The PTO will send "thank yous" to all who decorated trunks.
  - We had a total of 15 cars decorated.
  - The event was very well attended. We had approximately 100 kids attend. All prizes were used.
  - There is potential to do "Trunk or Treat" next year and going forward. Lot of parents have expressed interest in contributing in the future with decorating cars and purchasing prizes.

### **New Business**

- Creation of new PTO bylaws
  - We have Lowell/Hosmer's PTO bylaws to use as a template.
  - Bethany Grazio has offered to review the bylaws.
- Setting up our PTO room in new building
  - Natasha and Jen will be setting up our new room on Friday.
  - We are looking into off-site storage. We will need to inventory and document everything well at off-site storage for easy accessibility.
- Potential Spirit Days
  - We are working with Mena and her team to determine potential Spirit Days and related purchases.
    - "Wild about reading" - wear something wild
    - Hats off to reading - hat day
    - Reading knocks my socks off - mix & match socks
    - Comfy to read - cozy day, PJ day
    - Read with pet/stuffie - bring stuffie to school, picture reading with their pet
  - One Friday a month to go with reading initiative
  - Prizes, picture books, grade-level specific
  - Planning of first spirit day to be Dec. 3rd
- Belmont books is interested in partnering for book fair
  - It has been a good partnership in the past with lots of opportunities for the students to meet the authors.
    - There will be an incentives for kids to buy books, discounts
    - Mena will set meeting up over zoom
    - Mena thinks February would be a good month for the book fair.
    - We include Lowell in our book fair this year due to their space limitations.
- Photography session fundraiser idea (from Mrs. Lacy)
  - Sessions are \$75 (\$45 for photographer and \$30 for PTO)
  - 15-minute photo sessions
  - 20-25 digital images are delivered via link to album to families in approximately 2 weeks.
  - Possible timing of photo sessions; next fall (for holiday cards), valentine's day shoot, springtime for 5th grade graduations, end of year photos.
  - If the photos need to be taken inside, Shannon Dixon is the building rental coordinator.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- It was a very quiet month just trunk or treat expenses

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Update**

- No update
- The PTO is looking into running the pie fundraiser if the 5th graders no longer want to run it.

### **Next Meeting**

- Tuesday, December 7 at 6:00pm

We will have a joint meeting with the School Site Council, Diversity and Belonging Council and PTO via zoom on November 30th.