

Cunniff PTO notes Wednesday, November 4

Mena's report

We have a new administrative assistant who will start on November 23. Until then there will be a substitute secretary on Monday-Thursday.

The school is still working on the enhanced lock down that is scheduled for Thursday, December 3. Reading support will begin towards the end of the month. Permissions will go out by Monday, November 9.

The library will soon have a new book section.

Bookings for December: Young Audiences will be here for two performances (The Firebird, an ensemble with classical music) for PK-2 and The Promised Land--Story of Immigration through music) for grades 3-5.

Tina's Budget report

Membership income is at about \$1800.00. There are fewer donations this year. We are considering adding an online Paypal account for membership donations. An appeal letter will be rebroadcast early next week in email form with a link to a PayPal button to increase membership funds.

The Halloween party brought in \$262.13. This will be donated to the St. Patrick's Food Pantry along with the donated food items.

There is money left in the Lowe's grant. There may be a Three Sister's box planter (corn,peas,squash) and we also need mulch to top the beds.

We have applied for a grant through Whole Foods. Mena has also applied for a cultural grant to help with the banner STEM project.

The fifth grade bake sale netted \$774.00 during Election Day on Tuesday, November 3.

New Business

Website: Maria and Lauren are trying to streamline communication by creating a PTO blog, which will be linked to the Cunniff home page.

ALICE training: 8th graders will be here to watch children during the evening meeting on Monday, November 23 from 7:00-8:00 PM.

Scholastic book fair is December 7-11. All books will be dropped off on December 4. The Book Fair will open one hour before school, one hour after

school and one extended afternoon on Tuesday-Friday.

School needs 6 air conditioners before next spring. Ideally, this will happen in the winter. A sub committee will research this.

The PTO Presidents of Cunniff, Hosmer and Lowell will run the Spelling Bee this year. November 19 is the first organizational meeting. The Spelling Bee is January 31. All proceeds will be equally shared amongst these three schools.

Comedy Night is on April 2, 2016. Maria is spearheading the committee this year.

Veteran's Day of Service will be on Wednesday November 11. Students and parents are encouraged to come to Cunniff to volunteer to work in the gardens. Some planting will be done at school and some planting will be done along the Charles River. A flyer will be distributed soon.

CEDP Advisory Board will be comprised of Lindi, Kristin, Julie, Carm.

5th grade update

Next event is the Cornhole Tournament on November 14 at Boston Basketball Sports Club in Waltham. This is an adult only event. Thirty teams have already registered.

Celtics tickets are also still available.

Next meeting is Tuesday, December 1.