

2021-2022 Officers

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PTO MEETING AGENDA

September 14, 2021 at 6:00pm

Welcome and Introductions

Principal's Update

- Open House will be Tuesday Sept. 21st on Zoom. Teachers are sending out info for their classrooms and grade level
- Transition to new school
 - Planning possibility to transitioning to indoor lunch
 - Round tables 10 to a table with own individual seats, easy to space out
 - Move to 3-4 lunches, allowing for more flexibility for teachers
 - Cunniff will have its own hot lunch menu to utilize a full service kitchen
 - Breakfast and lunch would continue to be free; students would have to bring their own snacks.
 - Meeting with police and fire this week, Sept 13th-17th
 - Ribbon cutting ceremony on Oct. 5th put on by the school committee
 - Shooting a video regarding how to enter cafeteria, school etc. for students to familiarize themselves with the new school before Oct. 12th
 - Furniture is coming and being set up
 - No in person open house for the parents to see the new school until COVID metrics are better
 - 5th grade class gift will be a new art case to display students pottery

Old Business

- Read-a-thon recap from the end of last school year
 - Over \$7,500 raised!
- 5th grade graduation and books
- "Popsicles with the PTO" event
- First day signs and treats for teachers
- Plan to recollect PTO materials

- Jackie has a list of who has what and will send info to Will and Jen

New Business

- Sign up for PTO Homeroom Representatives
- Britt Days- Ms. Brehm
- Cara Mia Brunca- Ms. Barry
- Judy Conley- Mrs. Lacy
- Juliette Pickering- Ms. Tanguay
- George Eichinger- Ms Andreola
- Cindy St. Clair- Park and/or Breen
- Susanne Brueggeman- Hallisy
- Maria Panaggio-Phillips - Mr. Hammon
- Will Stirling- Ms. Andreola or Ms Lauria
- Kira Aprahmaian- Mr. McSweeny

- **Fundraising options for this year**
- Can't ask parents if they are vaccinated. We need to make sure the kids are safe and can't allow parents into the buildings until the COVID metrics are better.
 - Mena is checking if parents can volunteer that information
 - Fun Run/Spirit Week
 - Possibility of doing a small Fun Run once we are in the building for the fall
 - Spirit Week/Month once we are in the new school
 - Have a spirit day one day a week for first month we are in the new school to not overwhelm teachers or students
 - Tattoos or bracelets for students as they unpack their supplies
 - Ribbon cutting for each classroom
 - Cunniff swag fundraiser/Courage spirit day
 - Alternative for Halloween party
 - Meadow Farm? Also approached by Charleston Wrap.
 - Shoe collection – 5th grade?
 - Put on hold
 - Book Fair – virtual options or move to early spring
 - Looking into during a mini virtual in the Fall
 - Jen is looking into doing it outdoors

- Cunniff Swag
 - Custom ink
 - Britt Days has contact; meeting with her on Monday 9/20 on Zoom
 - T-shirts and sweatshirts

- Flocking- Group of flamingos/cougars
 - Pay to get flock moved from your yard; pay to flock someone else
 - Maybe 5th grade
- Yard sign fundraiser

- **Plans for a ceremony when we move back to Warren Street**
 - Yard card display, Balloon Nation and a ribbon cutting at all three entrances
 - Ribbon cutting at each individual classroom
 - Have the PTO meet with the Diversity Council, School site council to help plan grand opening ceremonies and activities.

- Watertown Community Foundation- 2,500 grant for teachers. Oct. application, Nov. due date, Dec. awards given. New more streamlined system this year.
 - Parents can help teacher coordinate
- Purchase large Ziplock bags for each student to pack supplies for the move

Treasurer's Report

5th Grade Update

- This year's 5th Grade contacts are Jackie Airasian and Lee Haley.
 - Car wash before we leave Cunniff West
 - Bigger update in Oct.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, October 5th at 6:00pm