

## PTO Minutes for 1/11/17

- January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting in the library with 13 members in attendance.
- President Amy Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.
- A meeting agenda was handed out.
- 11/9/16 meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved- motioned by Amy H, seconded by Mindy H.
- Introductions were made around the room

### Principal's Update:

Assistant Principal Blais is happy to report that the water faucets/fixtures have been replaced and are in working order. Students are allowed to use the drinking water fountains. Mrs. Blais attended the craft fair and loved it. Many teachers spent countless hours preparing ahead of time, working during the fair, and wrapping up after the fair. She appreciates the amount of work put in by the teachers.

### Treasurer's report:

\$4400 in checking                      Ending balance  
\$414 in savings                        Ending balance  
+\$1200 Box Tops check received for deposit (2016 Spring and Fall collection payout)

### Old Business:

1. **The Christmas potluck** was successful. Approximately 120 people were in attendance. Two \$50 Mid Maine Chamber of Commerce gift certificates were presented to secretaries Donna Francoeur and Theresa Denis from the PTO as a thank you for their continued support of our organization. They were greatly appreciative.
2. **A Craft Fair** review was given by Rachel Carpenter. ~681 people in attendance. The event earned roughly \$4000. A breakdown of monies earned is as follows: 50/50 \$175 which was donated back to the PTO, Baked good sales \$141, Raffles \$215, White Elephant room \$155, Crafter donation \$10, Table rentals \$1940, Silent Auction \$1500. Additionally, a number of food items were received for donation to the food pantry.
3. **Three for Me Program** update was given by Lydia Whiting. The bulletin board has been reworked. Volunteer leaves are filling up. Thus far, the program is considered successful.

### Upcoming PTO events:

1. **Red Sox Game:** The game date is April 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:05pm. Flyers were recently sent home with students. Tickets are sold on a first come, first serve basis and must be paid in order to reserve a ticket. Forms are returned to the main office. Parents receive confirmation of their ticket(s) via email from Amy Harrington as well as a cancelled check. Additional forms are available on the PTO bulletin board. A second round of flyers will be circulated in February.  
There is a ticket pricing change from last meeting's discussion. Unfortunately, the original seating offered to us for the event was unavailable. Instead, we were offered grandstand seating for the same date/time. The Red Sox won their division and are in higher demand, thus driving up ticket prices. Game tickets are \$36pp. Transportation including game ticket is \$66pp. The Cyr bus rental fee is also higher than last year. Therefore, the PTO is taking a \$10 loss/pp to help offset the cost of bus tickets. (\$375 total loss.) To date, 19 game tickets and 12 bus tickets have been sold. 140 game tickets allotted 55 bus tickets.
2. **The Father/Daughter dance** is typically held in March. Kim Niles will be the committee chairperson. Kim will provide Amy H. with a list of needed items for the event. >400 fathers and daughters were in attendance last year. We are in need of volunteers for this event, especially with setup and clean-up. A discussion regarding pushing the event into early April was had. Mrs. Blais will speak with Mr. Wedge re: possibly scheduling the event for April 7 or 8. Sign up genius rec. by Mrs. Blais to reach out/increase volunteers for events.
3. **The Mother/Son event** is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>. Alyssa Bell is the chairperson for this event. The event will likely be candlepin bowling.

### New business:

1. **Vice President Position:** Rachel Carpenter is resigning her position of VP. An announcement will be made regarding the position availability and nominations.
2. **PTO Today conference** is March 21<sup>st</sup> in Mass. Cost is \$5pp conference fee + 1 night's hotel room fee. Amy H. and Mindy H. would like to attend this event. The conference provides useful PTO strategies. A motion was made by Alyssa Bell to cover the conference fee and hotel room. Motion seconded by Lynn Hamlin. Lynn also motioned to reimburse travel expenses (mileage) and was seconded by Kathy B.
3. **Spring Box Tops collection:** one winning classroom from each floor will win a trip to Benton Family Fun park with free small ice cream. Winners will go late May/early June.
4. **Sixth Grade Boston T-shirts:** Steffanie Stevens requested that the PTO donate \$ towards covering t-shirt costs for their Boston trip. Students are responsible for fundraising for this trip and are working hard to achieve their goal. T-shirts cost ~\$9/shirt. There are 125 sixth grade students. Amy H motioned to cover the entire cost of the t-shirts. Motion seconded by Kathy B. and unanimously accepted.

**Questions/Comments:** None.

### Next meeting:

Our next meeting will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.  
Mother/Son event committee meeting will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.  
Father/Daughter dance committee meeting will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

**Adjournment:** Amy H motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm. Meeting adjourned.