

January 8th PTC Meeting Notes

Attendance: Mr. Higgins, Mr. Place, Ashley Hatsiopoulos, Laurie Blair, Stephanie Shaughnessy, Stephanie Brammer, Susie Deporter, Christina Robles, Elizabeth Korun, Lindsay Fraser, Marianna Risdal, Corin Cabral, Stephanie McQuaid, Aisha Alchaar, Allyson Drag, Julie Tarsa

Meeting call to order: by Ashley Hatsiopoulos at 7:00pm

Treasurer's Report: November '24 and December '24 Statements reviewed, balance ~\$57K

Prior Meeting Minutes: Approval of December '24 meeting minutes at 7:04pm

Principals Report

- Christmakah was a success and teachers had enjoyed all of the activities
- 3rd Grade Musical was terrific and recognition for Mr. Place (in attendance)
- National JoyGerm Day celebrated 1/8 by Kindergarten and 1st Grades - fun and creative way to encourage positivity, creativity, and kindness. Due to success, it will be expanded to the whole school next year!
- Announcement sent home to be sure kids are arriving at school with winter gear for outdoor play

Catching Up

- December Teacher Appreciation was very successful. Kudos to Susie DePorter for help!
 - Hot Cocoa Bar / Sundae Bar / Gift Cards
- Winter Break Books - 277 books delivered to kids by 12/19 & Birthday Books provided to Mr. Higgins 1/8
- Boosterthon - Thank You's were created using students' artwork and printed. To be addressed and sent by 1/15. Sponsor Invoices will need to be issued electronically. Template is created and PTC team will be preparing to issue later this month
- Classroom Subscriptions - Ms. Clinton's request was fulfilled for reading specialist access to online reading materials.
 - C. Robles recommended researching at home usage of RAZ kids
 - Mr. Higgins noted the request for ST Math could be considered in the future

New Business

- PBK After-School Program
 - Discussed aspects of Jan-Feb session. Graduation 2/8
 - Request for Champions hold-over for a 3pm pickup - Mr. Higgins to research
- Providence Bruins Norton Night
 - Mr. Place, Julie Tarsa, and Allyson Drag spoke to next steps - awaiting ticket link from P-Bruins. New Google form will be needed.
 - Recommended printed flyer is sent home with kids week of 1/13
- Whalemobile Experience - VOTE up to \$3,500 APPROVED
 - Video presented on topic and discussion on budget strategy.
 - Will target Feb/Mar event and align with a "Whale Week" theme with books/art
 - Christina Robles noted there is alignment with Middle School field trip for New Bedford Whale Museum

Looking Ahead

- Finberg Adventure Day
 - Christina Robles provided research update - targeting 5/19-20 (Mon-Tue) with rain date option, with possible \$5-7K estimate. \$20/child plus transportation costs

- o Support to continue with plan and identify fundraising opportunities and with Guardian/PTC splitting costs. Further planning will help inform vote in February
- First Grade will be reaching out with request for Oak Knoll Field trip soon.
- Save the Date! Spring Book Fair May 5th-9th will coincide with Teacher Appreciation Week
- Restaurant Fundraising Events
 - o Julie Warren provided research update - abundance of options and discussion outlined working towards 1 monthly event, routing through cuisines/meal type.
Recommendation: Send home printed “tickets” to encourage more attendance
 - o Planning will start to line up events and consider parallel for Finberg Adventure Day
 - o Qdoba has offered a Taco Bar for 20 - JW following up for 60 or additional discounts
 - o More research needed on bowling; Splittsville non-responsive, North Bowl next
- Open Forum - Ideas/Suggestions offered:
 - o Align Restaurant Fundraising Event with 3rd grade holiday musical - remind parents at the end of the event
 - o Look into “Mom Meet Up” event - inclusive of Guardian for LGN PTC
 - o Look into more touch points for remote participation - observation only when online
 - o Use social media to perform outreach for Google Workspace setup and domain configuration
 - o Issue a survey on best methods of communication and participation
 - o Look ahead on large event/project planning to share, asking for volunteers on sub-committees to plan and execute
 - o Boosterthon Discussion - open to replacement of Boosterthon with a Direct Donation fundraiser. Will need a method to collect donations. Should incorporate an event for the kids to culminate the fundraiser. Also seek rewards that are inclusionary across classrooms/grades/school vs. independent gifts. Possibly incorporate guardians (i.e., 5K Color Run for families)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 pm

Next Meeting February 5th at 7pm