

PTO Minutes for April 7, 2021

In attendance were: Mr. Sylvia, Ms. Healy, President Sarah Wood, VP Stacey LeMay, Treasurer Kim Wheelwright, Secretary Trina Ruggiero, Citywide Reps Colleen Greenwood & Liz Nuzzo, and assembled parents.

Sarah: PTO positions are open and we will hold election at our May PTO meeting. Teacher appreciation week is May 3-7 and we are trying to plan some things for the teachers. One event is already planned and an email will be going out about that. Grade 5 BINGO will be Wed 4/14...proceeds benefiting grade 5 end of year costs such as T-shirts, yearbooks, graduation, celebration, etc. Virtual book fair will take place 4/27-5/10. 25% of proceeds go to the school and this will be our BOGO book fair.

Mr. Sylvia: Picture day is scheduled for 4/29. No parent volunteers will be allowed this year due to covid restrictions. The digital files will be turned over quickly enough for 5th grade yearbook. Thank you to the PTO for the gifts of thanks for our paraprofessionals during paraprofessional appreciation week. MCAS update: deadline extended to June 11. Dates are not secured yet due to uncertainty of testing remote students and some pushback about even having MCAs this year. If they do happen, students will only have one testing day per subject area. Parent conferences are virtual again...please reach out if you haven't scheduled one yet or are in need of technology support. Diversity equity and inclusion team met and multicultural day was discussed. Each grade will choose a country and focus on school/family life and compare and contrast with what we do here. Possible parent/kid night to talk about diversity but maybe pushed to next year since we cannot have this in person this year. Mary Brodner has officially retired and Dawn Flibotte is officially taking over as our school secretary. Kindergarten changes started this week and we welcomed them into school on Wednesday for the first time. We've had about 40 more students come back into the building leaving us at 262 kids in the school each day. Safety drills next friday. PTO scholarships-thank you...we have a number of pending applications. SQU 100 year celebration continues virtually through email. Screening process for grade 4 students to attend advanced placement program next year is still up in the air. Grade 5 advanced placement test is on 4/28 to try to attend AP program at Central for middle school.

Kim: One outstanding check for SQU apparel but our bank balance is pretty much in line with where we ended last year.

Colleen...citywide report: Discussion focused on summer programming. More info on this should be in the friday emails from Laura Owens in the coming weeks. There will be remote offerings as well as STEM, fit math, growth mindset, reading, advanced opportunities, social/emotional programs, etc. Also discussed raising awareness of

healthy relationships after online attack at the high school level. Graduations, proms, etc will follow state guidelines. As of right now looks like proms will be ruled out but looking for ways to replace that. Possible social gatherings taking place at the end of the summer to help with possible social anxiety in kids who haven't been in school or around other kids for so long.

Sue & Andrew...website update: The update is being worked on live so if you go onto it, it will look strange since its under construction.

Date for May PTO meeting to be announced!