

Squantum PTO Meeting – September 19th

- Opening and welcome by Stacey LeMay (PTO President) who also introduced the remained to the board. Kim Wheelwright (VP), Lauren Mancini & Gina Mackey (co-Treasurers) and Erin O’Neill (Communication)
- **Citywide** rep Colleen Greenwood was introduced. The PTO is looking for someone to work with Colleen and “attend” bi-monthly virtual meetings via zoom for citywide and report back at our PTO meeting as needed. Please email if interested: ptosquantum@gamil.com
- **What Do We Do:** Stacey spoke of what the PTO does and how they support the students, teachers, and staff. For example, chrome book charging stations, teacher stipends, BrainPOP subscriptions for all students, PBIS awards and shirts, ice cream socials, assemblies, field trips etc.
- **Bookfair:** Jacqueline Conroy (Bookfair Coordinator) gave an update and mentioned the need for volunteers. Bookfair is in person Sept 26 thru Sept 29th. (purchases can also be made online) The bookfair will be open during the Open House on Sept 26th. Volunteer form will be available soon.
- **Outdoor Movie Night:** hoping to have an outdoor movie night on Friday Oct 7th. We have the screen and projector, we need a volunteer to lead (setting up, breaking down, putting out the snack etc). The PTO has provided popcorn and water in the past. This is an easy way to get involved and support the PTO. Please email if interested: ptosquantum@gmail.com
- **Trunk of Treat** (Saturday, October 29th). We will have a “feed the monster” contest among grades again this year. We will also need families to volunteer to decorate their trunks! You decorate your trunk and PTO provides the candy (candy from feed the monster and we supplement). More details to follow!
- **Treasurer update:** Gina gave an update on some earmarks. \$15 per student for field trips, Teacher stipends, Scholarships, In classroom libraries, garden club etc.
- **Adult Only Social:** The PTO is putting together a welcome back social at Break Rock Brewery on Friday, October 21st from 6-9pm. Come meet new people and see some familiar faces. More details to follow but please Save The Date.
- **QPAC:** Sara Wood from QPAC gave a presentation of resources for families with children in QPS that have special needs. They are a resource for what you are entitled to and what they can help you with. They hold monthly meeting and left some pamphlets in the guidance office at the school. Please stop by and grab one if you have a child who will benefit from what they offer.
- **Volunteers**—we NEED volunteers. School is back open, and we will be needing more people who can help out. Please fill out a CORI form and drop it to Dane in the office (this is done every 3 years) and you must also be fingerprinted (this is only done once) – All this info can be found on our website www.squantumPTO.com Some events we need help with: Bookfair, Picture Day, Movie Night, Trunk or Treat, Your child’s classroom events, etc.
- **Principal Sylvia update:**
 - Spoke of the new staff and all the support programs offered this year.
 - Reminded all about the Open House on Tuesday, 9/27/22 - 5:30 to 7:00
 - Band info has gone home for grades 4 and 5 and the QPS String Instrument Demo for grades 2 to 5 will be held on Monday, 9/26
 - Students participated in a fire drill already and will be practicing safety and lockdown drills in the next two weeks. Just waiting to confirm a date.

- Kindly asked families to stop blocking driveways, use crosswalks and slow down. No cars should ever drive behind the school. That is for busses and school transportation only.
 - Picture day is October 6th. Hayward Studios is our photographer and donates a portion of their sales back to the school.
 - Presented (and the PTO subsequently approved) funding for: a new Chromebook charging station, headphones for Chromebook, BrainPOP subscription for all students and a 1st grade field trip.
 - Quick shout of to Frank Sullivan at Skinner Outlook Landscaping who always does an amazing job cleaning out our Outdoor Classroom. We are very lucky to have such a strong supporter in our community.
- Next meeting is Monday, October 17th at 6:30PM. In the meantime, please sign up to volunteer.