

PTO Meeting
September 21, 2023 6:30 pm

Welcome by Kim, introduction of herself, board members introduced themselves.
Introductions of teachers and parents, subcommittee, city wide rep, EDI, website coordinator.

What to expect, we would really like feedback. We want everyone's ideas. If you do not feel heard let Kim know. We were hoping to have a "grade parent" to help coordinate things like supply requests, gift ideas. Mr. Sylvia offered to help coordinate with communication with parents to help get volunteers.

We would love to have more parents at the meetings, but we would love to have parents volunteer their time. We can help with fingerprinting fee's CORI is paid for by the school. Reminder to keep receipts for fingerprinting for record keeping.

Open up- anyone have idea to get more people involved?

Lead Volunteer is needed for outdoor movie night- Tina and Erin will handle Friday October 13th

Lead volunteer for Fall cleanup- Wednesday 27th 1/2 day- sign up sheet during the open house (tentative) Skinner Overlook/Frank Sullivan donates a massive cleanup of the outdoor classroom.

Trunk or Treat October 28th 11-1 (Sunday rain date)

Kim explains trash gobbler competition to collect candy, prizes pizza/ice cream party Monday Oct 16th- Oct 20th . 20 cars are needed to participate. Prize for best car!

5th grade parent is needed to volunteer to run the school store/apparel

Meaghan offered share her contact for Bernazzani since they ship right to the homes

Ice cream truck was successful, kids loved it!

Book Fair Monday 9/25-Friday 9/29

Anonymous doner gave \$25 per classroom to spend at the bookfair to contribute to their classroom libraries.

Open house Tuesday 9/26 5:30-7:30 *book fair will be open during the open house*

Custodian Appreciation Day is Monday, Oct. 2nd. we normally give a gift card from PTO which we will do again.

Picture Day Thursday, 10/5 volunteers are needed!

Parents night out- Break Rock Brewery \$15/per ticket

Ticket charge will also include one drink.

Donations for raffles are appreciated.

Hot Smoke will be able to attend!

Unity Day October 18th, PTO ordered a gift for each student.

Teacher's are requesting funds for decorations.

Vote: Last year, PTO gave 100/FT 50/PT gift cards

Increase from 100 to 150

Jen 1st, Ourania 2nd

Updates of bylaws; suggested that \$500 w/o a vote can be made by Mr. Sylvia, President and Treasurers

Treasurers updates:

Jenelle- Teachers stipends

Kindergarten books/t shirts Ice Cream Truck

Unity Day

Bay State Textiles

Mention of upcoming expenses

Mr. Sylvia's update:

23 classrooms 363 kids

9 new teachers

16-22 kids per classroom

Open house looking forward to it

Amazon gift cards was a big hit, presented PTO with a thank you card

New school update: Engineers have been working around the school, construction to start Summer 2025

Visioning sessions took place over the summer with teachers to get their input

More community meetings will be held regarding the project

Most of it will go on Winslow St, not the park. Students will not be interrupted

Thank you to Jo Jo for her work on the book fair

Ice Cream truck was a big hit

K orientation went well

Unity Day is set up and ready to go

Requests for supplies for Unity Day: Decorations approved for up to \$300.

Explanation of Unity Day/Anti Bullying

Band interments – notice went out to 4th and 5th day parents.

Requested headphones for 4th grade \$79 for 60 of them; Lauren suggested just buying new headphones for all students.

Mr. Sylvia will let the staff know and let us know who needs them.

PTO always pays for field trips, last year we went to \$15 per student which is still an adequate dollar amount.

Motion to accept 1st by Erin 2nd by Kim

Kim explains Disney raffle to anyone who is unfamiliar with it

Mr. Sylvia doesn't anticipate any big technology-related expenses/requests.

Brain Pop is very expensive, there are a lot of other free resources that are being used as an alternative.

Happy Numbers, Lexia

Look for additional programs that promote literacy.

*Academic resources to be added to parent newsletters.

Lauren reminds parents to be mindful of drop off/pickup.

No paper receipts are going to be needed, they can be emailed.