

# Squantum PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM

## Volunteer Opportunities

Trunks for Trunk-or-Treat

Election Day Bake Sale

See details in the meeting minutes below. For volunteering info see the PTO website at

<https://www.squantumpto.com/volunteering/>

## 6:32

We started the meeting with introductions. Twelve parents in attendance tonight, along with Mr. Sylvia and Ms. Healy.

## Mr. Sylvia

- Thank you Jenelle, Jessica and Erin for corralling kids during the Picture Day rodeo. The day went very well, and there will be a make-up day announced later this fall.
- Thank you to Bruce Ayers, who will present a bicycle to a 2nd grader for winning this summer's Race to Read program.
- Thank you Ms. Kelly for coordinating care packs for Vets.
- Thank you Jen Bergin for coordinating the donation to local Vets and the upcoming American flag display.
- MCAS reports will be mailed out soon.
- The '24-'25 School Improvement plan will start soon with goal setting and action steps.
- New building updates
  - The town infrastructure project is still moving forward; hopeful that grass reseeding will start soon out back
  - An appropriation meeting is scheduled for this month
  - MSPA schematic ⇒ construction plan October 30th
- Fire Safety week this week; Quincy Firefighters will be in this week to give fire safety lessons.
- October 16 is UNITY DAY!
- There is a split school assembly Thursday 10/17 (K-2, 3-5)
- Sharing our appreciation for our custodians. Thank you Austin and Troy!
- QPS Parent Academy is 10/29, focused on Math Fluency K-5

- More information in the Parent Newsletter: <https://secure.smores.com/n/6x9pd>
- Register here  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEAEUmyYuonRq35bgL8v3BMn62z5vtAFZSE9JvDEI9osdLzw/viewform>
- Teachers will be at QHS for a Professional Day on Election Day
- \*\*\* This year's Winter Concert will be on Monday December 16th \*\*\*

### Kim

- The PTO purchased gift cards and chocolates for Custodian Appreciation Day.
- Trunk or Treat is Saturday 10/26 from 11:00 - 1:00
  - We have ~~5 cars~~ 6 cars. Thank you Gabe Arato, who volunteered at the meeting! We're looking for 20 cars total. PTO supplies the candy.
  - Candy collection ends next Friday by noon.
- Unity Day - balloon arches are under construction!
- The Election Day bake sale 11/5 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM or sellout
  - Please [click here](#) to sign up to donate an item or check your email for a message from Squantum PTO. Contact [jenelle223@icloud.com](mailto:jenelle223@icloud.com) with any questions.
  - This is a major fundraiser for the fifth graders. Proceeds will help fund yearbooks and end-of-year activities.
- Every family will be asked to donate \$2.00 for our Veterans; PTO donates \$200
- 11/15 Parents Night Out at the Post with D.J. Izzy;
  - 7:00 - 11:00
  - \$20.00 tickets
  - We'll take raffle items to award prizes to the attendees
- November meeting is the 19th; no December meeting

### Jenelle and Lauren

- Current balance \$37,818
- Out: Payments went out for teacher requests itemized in the September minutes, an office shredder, Custodian gifts and Unity Day decorations.
- In: \$6,493 from PTO dues (short \$231 dollars compared to '23-'24 but some payments are still trickling in).
- We've sold eleven tickets to Adult Night Out.

### Jojo

The Book Fair generated \$8300 in sales.

Overall, we have \$10,000~ in Scholastic dollars. We take our share of the revenue in Scholastic dollars because we get a larger cut than we would if we took cash. This amount will help cover magazine subscriptions into next year when the Book Fair may have to be altered due to conflicts with the new school construction in '25-'26. We may have to have a reduced size or virtual book fair next year.

## **Parent Forum**

### ***Traffic***

Parents shared concerns about people driving up Huckins Avenue too aggressively. Specifically focused on the area at Huckins and East Squantum Street.

Mr. Sylvia shared that:

- In the past, we've used digital speed traps, and occasionally added an additional officer to monitor school arrival / dismissal times.
- Traffic flow for new school is a major focus and the plan is for traffic to be diverted off of Huckins, new bus traffic and teacher parking; city construction ending soon; Mr. Sylvia agreed; Kim added that traffic is one of the most talked about concerns at the new school

Parents discussed some ideas, including potentially adding speed bumps on Huckins Ave. Mr. Sylvia offered to engage with Quincy's Traffic Engineer.

### ***Brainstorming: Winter Activity***

Lauren asked if anyone has any ideas for a winter activity. A few ideas offered:

- having a winter pajama movie night
- bringing back the Find Santa Trolley night

**7:15**