

**Squantum PTO Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, November 19th @ 6:30 PM**

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**Mr. Sylvia**

- Haywood returns this Thursday for picture retakes.
- We need to check where we are with the Haywood contract. We are likely in the last year of our contract. We usually do a three year deal. The general sentiment is to stick with Haywood, since we are very happy with them and we receive a portion of the proceeds back to the school.
- New building update:
  - City Council examining full budget for the project;
  - The construction manager is Lee Kennedy;
  - the budget proposal will be moved to Finance committee for vote in the next few weeks;
  - expect to see more school-enabling projects around the school going forward;
  - expect to see a community presentation in January
- Thank you to Tara Quill for your work as a long term sub! Good luck with your new position.
- Agreement that we will continue the *Graduate of Squantum School* scholarships this year. May need a double-check but we remembered the amount being \$250 each last year. Quincy and North Quincy needed confirmation.
- Thank you for the corporate donation generated from a Squantum school family!
- Wednesday 11/27
  - is an early dismissal,
  - and is the day of the Squantum School Turkey Trot
  - no QCare, Stars or YMCA
- Thank you to PTO for Funding PTC Fast service to Parent Teacher conferences
- Report cards post in Aspen on November 26
- Kindergarten request ( < \$200 ) for items for Kindergarten Thanksgiving dinner:  
**approved**

- School Improvement Plan:
  - is in draft
  - tied to MCAS, MAP and other components (Social, Emotional)
  - our scores historically have been above the state and above the district;
  - includes school demographic information;
  - includes section on facilities needs;
  - full document will be presented December 11;
  - expect to see the plan in a forthcoming school communication
  
- Winter Concert is December 16th

### **Erin is covering for Kim tonight**

- Trunk or Treat was a huge success
  - 20 trunks; 600 pounds of candy;
  - First grade won the candy contest and chose an ice cream party
  
- Thank you to Jenelle for leading the way with the Bake Sale
  
- Thank you Jen Bergin for collecting the funds to donate to Veterans, and for the flag display
  
- Thank you to Ms. Kelly for coordinating the Care Packages for Veterans
  
- Parents Night Out was a great time! Thank you for coming out!
  
- The Report Card Conferences link is still active. Check Mr. Sylvia's newsletter <https://secure.smores.com/n/b6yjf>
  
- Dinner option for teachers on conference night will be accommodated by PTO

### **Jenelle's Update**

- Balance \$37855.52
  
- Made \$2183 in Bake Sale - this is set aside for Fifth Grade
  
- Funds *out* for: Unity Day, PTC Fast app, Computer peripherals, Trunk or Treat prizes, PBIS, ice cream party, Teacher reimbursement, Student Council, Veterans donation
  
- \$6852 *in* from clothing bin, store, corporate donation, haywood, adult night out

### **Also Discussed:**

**Citywide Update**

Open forum meeting; lots of questions about school choice (Quincy / North Quincy) and meeting IEP goals

**Community & Belonging**

Mr. Sylvia informed us that a parent may hold a Parent Academy style event for supporting student anxiety using resources from UMass Boston; more information will be forthcoming

**Holiday Help**

Thanksgiving is late this year, and it's a short Holiday shopping season. Mr. Sylvia and Ms. Healy will work with Ms. Riley. We're ready to help those in need.

**Open Forum**

A parent shared a heartfelt story about her Puerto Rican heritage, and the challenges she recently faced explaining to her young son that Puerto Rico doesn't have a Star or Stripe representing the territory on the US flag. It's a good reminder that belonging and inclusiveness is a continuous effort and is valued in our Squantum community.

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