

Countryside PTO Board Meeting  
Dec 6, 2018  
7-8:30pm  
Countryside Library

## **Minutes**

Present: Adam Howes, Shion Walsh, Kerry Prasad, Liz Flaig, Sam Abraham, Negar Shivaiei, Jennifer Behr, Sherri Bianci, Beth Herlihy, Lori Zinner, Mark Evans, Aliya Bhat

### **- Events Recap**

Boston PTO meeting 11/1- Adam Howes, Beth Herlihy

Small attendance, but valuable

Will do it next year, it was at rush hour; maybe hold it from 7-8pm next year;

Beth gave a presentation

11 METCO students in the program

Families feel very comfortable, are glad for all we do

### **-Holiday drive – Sherri Bianchi**

Sherri and Alexis have made deliveries and have more to make; Cside has gone above and beyond, we have had a waitlist for donors who were able to take latecomers to the list

Proved that we do not have to stand outside at a table in the pouring rain

It goes through Newton Early Childhood program, director has connection with shelter and gets info from there

It was a pleasure to do it

### **-Mini grants Adam Howes**

Great applications

We had to reject some bc they were asking for software which PTO cannot buy

Grant info will be on website soon

### **- Musical Update Mark Evans**

2/9 and 2/10

We have started doing run-throughs, it was 2 hours this week

Going great; kids are very invested

80 kids 3-5

K-2 will put the number of students at over 100  
Rehearsals on Tuesday afternoons

Capital investments- sets and rolling platforms that will last for many years

Suggested changes (Mark)- If the goal is to put on a performance that kids can enjoy process, performance that parents can see, we need to ask if we have too many participants to have a valuable learning experience

5<sup>th</sup> graders are promised roles

4<sup>th</sup> graders have roles and lines

3<sup>rd</sup> will have a role

K-2 Junior ensemble

--Maybe next year expand Junior ensemble to K-3 so 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders can have more roles

How will we do ticket sales?

Rakashi Chand and Anna McDonald are sorting this out

Last year it was sold out; is there a way to give every cast member 2 tickets or priority? Last year the cast had first chance to buy tickets before the general public

We can't do it at Brown bc rehearsals are too hard and Brown does their play at the same time

**-Raffle** Lori Zinner and Liz Flaig

Some places only donate once a year, so we have to wait til Jan to ask those places again

If you know of a business, please ask them to donate, Liz and Lori have the letter to give them

Last year the new system was that the more you bought the less the tickets cost; people like this and want to do it again

**- Movie Night** Adam Howes

March 15; no movie chosen yet

Families should be reminded to clean up afterwards

Memorial Spaulding does an outdoor movie night in lieu of a Fall Picnic

At one time there was an outdoor movie and they had to move indoors bc there is no electric outside of Cside; that was years ago, maybe we could try again?

**-Blue Zone** Adam Howes

Complaints, general malaise, parent that gets out to open trunk, cross kids, etc, etc....

Same people who are offenders

We can send out the Mason Rice video

Something like that would be great, but would people watch it?

It was presented at Welcome Coffee, ELL Welcome Breakfast, BZ rules have been translated into all of our languages

It becomes worse when the snow comes

Have we done education with the kids?

Barry Elliott is on the city Safe Routes Committee

Beth does not want to put parents in the difficult situation of conflict, she would rather it be her than put anyone else in that situation

**-Equity Policy Discussion**

Adam laid out the District Equity Policy

Sept 2019 policy \$80/student for academic spending; \$15/student tech

Why does PTO pay for CA&S? Why doesn't the district pay?

All schools have CAS

Fundraising would be a very diff't process; you'll get a drastic decrease  
It would have to be pitched as we are raising for a citywide program

Raise taxes

School fee adjusted for income-

Transparency- money will be for our kids in our community

Raising funds from charity perspective vs self investment prespective

Silly that we are raising money for computers

Based on our cap for next years, they are basically saying that

Our first grade teachers need mounted projectors; those kids need the floor space the most

NSF

Westwood Education Foundation- Annual Event (5 elementary schools)  
That event raises money for city; money divided among schools

Should we ask the Cside community should we spend on CAS?

In what way did low raising school feel there was inequity?

Tech floor or ceiling?

Installment does not count toward equity- Could Cside PTO buy 2 1<sup>st</sup> grade projectors this calendar year and one next calendar year?

There's a way around almost everything

The play is a fund-raiser? Historically it has been. BUT that is a hard expectation to put on the play committee

Kindergarten Soccer on a bigger scale

Ohio- School fee, you had to pay per student, if you did not pay it was still ok, if you didn't pay by graduation they wouldn't get certificate

Tech cap this year?

How much would we need to get to max it out? Projectors are the only thing on the list