

PTO Agenda/Meeting Notes

January 11, 2017

7pm



Attendees: Adam Howes, Liz Flaig, Jen Behr, Rakashi Chand, Nick Jathar, Beth Hurlihy, Taryn Norviel, Amy Volk, Ashia Ray, Lauren Lookner, Lori Zinner

Agenda

- Meeting hosts needed for March and April – possible speaker as part of 1 meeting
- Co-taught coffee for 2nd and 3rd graders in a morning this spring – Beth to confirm date
- Annual Fund Recap – without PayPal fees \$28k (~\$30k last year) not at goal, but close
- FORJ – Families Organizing for Racial Justice – meeting Tuesday 1/16 7pm in the Library (there is child care available)
 - what concerns does the community have and what needs are there for future meetings
 - bring to light what is happening with the community/building awareness
 - how can parents talk at home
 - what you can do as a family
- METCO – families are currently in grades 1-3, event for families to connect at Boston Bowl in Dorchester 1/28 noon, over 50 have RSVPed
- Laptop Cart Purchase Request - ~\$1700 for MacBook Airs approved
- Teacher / Aide Gift Discussion
 - now that the policy has changed to allow for personal gifts, asking Room Parents to make sure aides/specialists are also recognized possibly through a fund that will go to the PTO and be distributed across the school – this will start next school year and further discussion is needed
- Extra Clothes for Countryside – in case kids get wet, sick etc., will be housed in the nurse's office - need some larger sizes, but also encouraging families to send in extra clothes during the snowy or rainy days
- Upcoming Events
 - **5th grade Hunger Banquet** – 1/23 run by Oxfam divided into 1st world, 2nd world, and 3rd world countries, book reading, video on how 1 kid gets to school, shown example of things that may happen in different parts of the world, discussion, and receive a meal based on the the “world” ranking selected into
 - **Beauty and the Beast Musical**
 - K-2 rehearsals – Tuesday 1/16, parents are required
 - cast members can buy tickets starting Wednesday 1/17 open to all Monday 1/22, asking for families to watch 1 day and volunteer the next day since there are record numbers of children in the musical
 - tickets will only be available online \$8 adults, \$5 kids only - not available at the door
 - need volunteers to help day of the musicals
 - DVD will be available for purchase
 - Planning a sneak-preview for the school

- **Kindness Rocks Teacher Grab and Go Lunch** – Tuesday 1/16 in the teacher’s lounge, a few items still needed including salads
- **Rockin’ Raffle** – March 20, 50 prizes, still waiting on a few (~70 last year), looking for anyone to donate services or gift cards, discounts for purchasing multiple sheets
- **Multicultural Festival** – March 17, Newton South, planning is underway, registration for countries is live
- **Movie Night** – March 23 movie and time of event needs to be determined, looking into having NE Mobile Book Fair sell books with a profit sharing, budget being determined, need to determine licensing agreement (1x vs multiple movies throughout the year)