



Meeting Agenda

March 6, 2018

General Meeting 3:15PM - 4:15PM:

I. Principal's Report

- A. School year is flying by
- B. A lot is happening in terms of rigorous academic work and working on the green theme
- C. Sarah Ahearn Bellemare is going to start working with classes in a couple of weeks as Artist in Residence.
- D. Planning on cleaning the grounds and opening garden beds and being outside more very soon.
- E. School and district budget proposals could impact our school such as cutting before school care, capping next years' K down to 2 sections, cutting bus routes - meeting 3/7 where the school committee will vote. It is believed there will be public comment available
- F. MCAS is right around the corner - some will start before the April break
- G. Showcase is April 11

II. Officer's Reports

- A. President's Report
 1. PTO Presents
 - a) Booked for the year
 2. Raising race conscious kids
 - a) Trying to find a date
- B. Vice President's Report
 1. 99 Restaurant
 - a) Raised \$209 for the school
 - b) The restaurant wasn't allowed to hand out vouchers, so we need to be there next time for the whole time if we want to give vouchers to those who forget them.
 - c) Got positive feedback, and should do it again. There was a nice sense of community.
- C. Treasurer's Report

III. Business in Progress

- A. Teacher Lunch
 1. Planning to buy the staff lunch as a part of the self-care theme for staff
 2. Vote passed to do it. Will be roughly \$600 - \$700. Once we have total budget we will vote in email.
 3. Cindy will continue to look into this
 4. Decided to do PD day - Friday 5/24 -
- B. Box Tops
 1. Box tops submitted on March 1



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2. Cindy found a boxtop site on Facebook, with ideas like “don’t have a boxtop, send a dime,” we should use some of these suggestions. Some schools got more dimes than they did box tops
3. We will ask for one more submission by the end of the year to account for expirations.
4. We can mail in box tops by the expiration date and then get paid later
5. Note to check the expirations
6. Would be useful to include brands that include boxtops

C. Book Fair

1. Andrea to get in touch with Rachel for vouchers
2. Keeping the sale to used books only
3. We would like to have a new book sale before the end of the year
4. We need a flyer for the book fair
5. In the robo-call conference and the book fair - proceeds go to the library
6. Will set times based on when conferences are
7. To do: Flyer, set up time, vouchers, getting volunteers

D. Bank change

1. Christina is aware this passed, and is going to figure out what needs to happen

E. Spirit Wear

1. Brandy looked into 4 companies
2. A few will do an estore
3. Prices range from \$8 - \$26 per shirt
4. We should ask for a sample shirt
5. We used a local printer out of Charlement last time. Sarah will look up the info.
6. We decided to narrow this down to eStores to save PTO time, and get samples. We will regroup on specific goal if we decide to make it a fundraiser.

F. Magnets, Stickers, key chains

1. Cindy needs a PDF of the school logo
2. Many of these companies print our logo and also include theirs

G. Spirit Sticks - report on faculty feedback

1. Faculty response is neutral on whether we should continue to do spirit sticks
 - a) People like the birthday spirit sticks, for school events, and for student council
 - b) Possibly keep them on as rewards, but not as something we sell
2. We use Spirit Monkey, and School Life for Spirit Sticks
3. Keep selling at events, but we won’t keep buying them except for birthday and special events



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4. About 60 kids participate in summer spirit sticks,
5. Need to send out flyer earlier this year

IV. New Business

- A. Discuss how to allot budget surplus
 1. \$ for kick balls requested by Mr. Natty - we will look into whether there is a need for more equipment also.
 2. Some things Mr. Toomey has been looking to fund:
 - a) More chairs
 - b) Replacing + adding to picnic tables (6 new in different designs), put wooden ones on nature trail
 - c) Enclosed bulletin board displays to put on the nature trail
 - d) Another large shed to accompany the hoop house
 3. Next Steps
 - a) Figure out how much we have that is extra after the teacher lunch, etc., then put it up for a vote what we want to fund.
- B. Andrea to ask Christina if 4th grade splits the \$300 teacher reimbursements