PRS-PTO Meeting Notes – September 12, 2018

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34 attendees

1. Call to order
2. Welcome and introduction
3. Principal’s report
   1. This year there will be a TEAM theme; today’s ASM showed the support from the kids and staff as they wore their favorite team gear
   2. First day of school went very smooth; drive line seems to be running well
   3. Curriculum nights will be 9/12 (grades 2 & 4) and 9/26 (grades 1,3,5); 4th grade chaperon night also 9/12
   4. No longer need to check in for PTO meetings at office, there will be a sign in sheet at the meetings and you can enter at the cafeteria doors
   5. MCAS results are in and in line with expectations, will be made public later this month and mailed to parents in October
   6. Cape Cod Field Trip 9/19-21 and will be run by a company this year; students can expect lots of fun, team building and STEM activities; if you need Mrs. Smith please remember she has limited access to email but will respond.
4. Committee Reports
   1. Alison reminded all Committees/Chairs that they should run any dates, details by her and Becca before submitting language to Weekly Wizard and Melissa Smith.
   2. STEAM – Rob Hutchinson
      1. State-wide initiative week of October22; will have outside presenters, too, but looking for volunteers
      2. Looking for anyone with resources to or background in medical and engineering fields who can help during that week; or willing to reach out to STEAM related organizations like Museum of Science
   3. Staff Appreciation – Alyssa Stone and Courtney Richman
      1. Welcome Back Kick Off 9/26, sign up sent out and already 90% full; notice will be in Weekly Wizard next 2 weeks
      2. Asking for help, big or small, throughout the year
      3. Monthly events for “staff” not just teachers include:
         1. October – restocking staff lounge
         2. November – pie drive
         3. December – holidays
         4. February – Valentine’s Day
         5. March – soup and salad
         6. May – Teacher Appreciation Week (includes all staff)
         7. June – End of School Year Thank you (luncheon day after school gets out with raffles, etc.)
   4. Spirit Committee – Amy Morgan
      1. Dates for their big events on school calendar, online
      2. September 12 -T.E.A.M. - Together Everyone Achieves More Spirit Day
      3. October 3 - Bruins Day
      4. October 26 – Boo Bash 6-7:30 PM
         1. Look for Sign Up Genius in October for parent volunteers
         2. DJ Joe Lupica; No Reading Room in the gym this year and looking into keeping event to gym and barricading other areas of PRS off (details TBD)
      5. December 5 - Holiday Shopping Spree 12:30-3pm
      6. March 14, 2019 – Family Bingo Night 6-7PM; with 5th grade ice cream social
   5. Road Race – Katherine Rachalski
      1. Annual, community-wide walk/run Road Race is Saturday, November 17
      2. Looking for volunteers to design logo/t-shirt (every registrant receives one), committee work, fundraising, day of event help, etc.
   6. Cultural Enrichment – Rebecca Silva
      1. Last year PTO supported NED program
      2. This year will be Global Kindness which showcases a character that travels to Kenya
      3. PRS students may purchase items made in Kenya (PRS gets no money from these sales, but rather “pay it forward” concept for the next school); Executive Board will help sell items week of September 24
      4. A Constant Contact will be sent out with more details and information
      5. Colony Educators will be returning for 2nd grade, date TBD
      6. Historical New England will be presenting to 5th grade, Ms. Vella to be in touch with details
5. President’s Report
   1. Reminder to all Committees/Chairs that they should run any dates, details by her and Becca before submitting to Weekly Wizard and Melissa Smith.
   2. PRS PTO Fall Social will be October 18 at 7:30PM at the Shipyard (most likely), encourage to attend and bring a friend; Constant Contact to be sent out with more details
   3. PRS Directory will be available shortly; online only, not hard copy
   4. PRS Fall Fundraiser (goal $20,000) to kick off next month; details will be sent home in backpacks and other communication
      1. PRS spends roughly $135 per child and fundraiser will suggest $100 donation per child; seeking participation from all families at any level
      2. PRS doesn’t do “wrapping paper sale” like some other schools
   5. Reminder Weekly Wizard deadlines are Thursdays at noon
   6. Room Parent information is in the works with help from AC Decker and teachers; expect to see information next week
   7. Book Fair is November 5-9; seeking volunteers for all aspects of the event (this coincides with 5th grade ice cream socials – great night!)
   8. PRS Playbook being sent to Kindergarten and new families only (other families received this last year); if you lost yours please let us know, but also available online
   9. PTO Volunteers – there will be a Constant Contact sent out and all are encouraged to join a committee or volunteer
   10. Thank you to all new families here today; looking forward to great year!