

PRS PTO Meeting Notes
Wednesday, October 13, 2021

30 Attendees, meeting held via Zoom

1. Call to order

2. Welcome and Introduction

- a. Greg and Melissa dressed as Back to the Future's Dr. Brown and Marty McFly and posed with the DeLorean in the PRS lobby Wednesday, October 13th to help raise money for the fall fundraiser.

3. Principal's Report

- a. Trying to keep many of the same traditions.
- b. Greg forming a school council to help with school improvement goals, to include an equal number of parents and teachers, currently two of each.
 - i. Polishing goals but will focus on tiered math, tiered reading, equity and homeschool community connections.
 - ii. Meeting next week

4. Guest Speaker - Assistant Principal, Mrs. Smith

- a. Happy to transition back to assistant principal, enjoys being with the kids more, good rapport with Greg.
- b. Covid cases under control.
- c. Large percentage of parents have agreed to test and stay.
- d. Procedures followed after the school is notified of a positive case: 1)
Determine when symptoms started/asymptomatic, considered day 0 2)
Refer to flow chart from classroom, specialist and lunch table to determine close contacts
3) Contact parents and if they have agreed, follow the test and stay protocol (arrive in the morning and test at school) otherwise students are out of school for 7 days.
- e. Attempting to group kids together for classroom, lunch and specialist to limit the number of close contacts.

5. Committee Updates

A) Fall Fundraiser - Renee Besser and Lori Oliwa

- a. Deadline October 15th, increase participation, encouraged to comment on social media and spread the word.

- b. Around \$16,000 raised with 40% participation
- c. Winner announced at All School Meeting

B) Cultural Enrichment - Katie Mulkerrin

- a. Activities planned for each grade:
 - i. Kindergarten - Bubbles program and a visit from a meteorologist to discuss weather
 - ii. First - Plymouth Plantation
 - iii. Second - Mass Audubon
 - iv. Third - Paul Revere House
 - v. Fourth - The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, Atlantic White Shark Conservancy
 - vi. Fifth - Alastair Moock to work with students two times per year to compose a school song.
- b. All School Performances: Alastair Moock, Cape Cod Drummers, Wampanoag Tribe, Anti-Bullying, authors

C) SEPAC Liaison - Alyssa Stone

- a. SEPAC Goals:
 - i. Work closely with the district regarding several areas which include; equity initiatives, leveling of students, sense of belonging for SPED students (district wide issue), audio textbooks, and Rights & Responsibility workshop, dyslexia training, transitioning to HMS.
 - ii. Work with new SPED administrators Charleen Fabrizio (elementary) and Danielle Wetmore (secondary).
 - iii. SEPAC liaisons at each elementary school.
 - iv. Learn about writing programs that can be implemented at each school.
 - v. Review and inform the SPED community about new dyslexia guidelines.
 - vi. Provide support for families in the rise program.
- b. Educational presentations through SEPAC to include dyslexia, autism, executive functioning, ADHD, anxiety/stress, school transitions, advocacy workshops and post 21 workshops.
- c. Child Focused IEP Meeting Model - focused more on the child's strengths and challenges
- d. Landmark and OG trained teacher, Sara Wishner, to present at the next SEPAC meeting, Monday, October 25th via zoom

D) School Spirit - Rebecca DeChristopher

- a. Boo Bash - October 22nd, 4-5:30 outdoors, costumes, no weapons

- b Jack O'Lantern Contest - optional, drop off pumpkin day of the event.
- c. Monthly Spirit Days - Bruins or Red Sox day coming up Friday, next spirit day is in November.
- d. Spiritwear launched this week in Weekly Wizard and orders are coming in
- e. Holiday Shopping Spree - December

E) Voyagers - Jackie Hourin and Yonca Ural

- a. Successful first week of classes, 8 classes total
- b. Classes ran smoothly and the kids had a great time!
- c. Will begin planning for the winter

F) Community Service - Catie O'Leary and Katie Holmes

- a. Candy drive for the troops starting November 1st
- b. Planning to make candy bags the week of November 8th with grades K-2.
- c. Bins left in the lobby for candy collection.

G) STEAM - Jill Slankas

- a. Every grade has a major activity planned and parent presenters.
 - i. K - New England Reptile Show
 - ii. First - New England Reptile Show and parent presenter/professor of geophysics
 - iii. Second - Hollyhill Farm and States of Matter presented by the Discovery Museum in Acton
 - iv. Third - North and South Herring Migration and parent presenter/professor about geophysics and presenter from Biogen
 - v. Fourth - Sound Waves presented by Discovery Museum in Acton and parent presenter about goretex
 - vi. Fifth - New England Base Camp and parent presenter about physical therapy

H) Yearbook - Tien Do-Suarez

- a. New email for PRS community to send pictures
- b. Met with former chair, signed new contract and setting up directions/folders for new school year

I) Staff Appreciation - Mallory Wuori and Debi LaRocca

- a. Signup to go out October 18th for a staff lounge stock up planned for October 29th. Items will be shipped from Amazon directly to Debi's house.
- b. Annual pie rush taking place in November with the goal to give one pie to each staff member.

J) METCO - Stephanie Gertz

- a. Collaborating with PRS staff for METCO students to attend the Boo Bash.

6. President's Report

- a. In need of a chair for Mad About Science
- b. Diversatree created by Hingham mom at East School with the goal to educate and raise awareness about cultures around the world.
 - i. Displays will be created about a certain theme and rotated monthly amongst the elementary schools. Some themes include sewing, food and dance.