

Ross School PTO Meeting

Minutes from January 12, 2017

Attendance: Angie DiMarzio, Beth Rea, Erin Kendrick, Jill Ng, Jillian Polvere, Kate Donovan, Katie Hooper, Katie Graziano, Kelly Lessard, Lindsey Centofanti, Lisa Kirk, Naeemah Luckey, Nicole Gangi, Rita Stones, Frank McGourty

Agenda

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Adoption of Minutes from Last Meeting
3. President's Update and Thank You
 - **Wednesday, January 18, 2017**
 - Penny Drive Program will be announced during the School Share
 - Funds brought in will be used to build up the school library with more books and cozy seating area
 - It will be a school-wide effort with everyone working towards the same goal [no competition between classes]
 - **Monday, January 23, 2017**
 - School Committee Meeting at 7pm at Ross [Rita & Dale will be helping us supplying coffee, water, sweet goods]
 - **Tuesday, February 7, 2017 – half day of school**
 - Maria's Restaurant Night [Thank you Lauren Crook]
 - **Friday, February 10, 2017**
 - Nails & Spa Night [Thank you Kelly Lessard]
 - **Wednesday, February 22, 2017**
 - Box Tops deadline/ Sheet going out soon
 - Last check was \$511 from latest submission
 - **Tuesday, February 28, 2017 – deadline**
 - Red Sox Family Night Thursday, May 25th at 7:00pm: Rangers vs Red Sox
 - We have reserved 100 tickets together, we will increase the number as we see and increase demand; Great Fun Family Night!! Deadline is February 28, 2017
 - Ticket Cost: \$34 Grandstand [\$4 will benefit the PTO]
 - **Friday, March 17, 2017**
 - Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program last date to accrue earnings
 - YTD: \$254.52

- **Thank you**
 - Thank you to those who helped out and volunteered their time with the Montilios Pie Fundraiser, Barnes & Noble Night, and the Holiday Fair! Your support is greatly appreciated!!!
- 4. Principal's Update
 - MCAS next generation will be computer based testing for 4th graders; computer based testing will expand to more grades with goal of all grades after 2018
 - There has been some talk of a town-wide School Improvement Committee, parent volunteers will be asked to represent Ross School
 - Held first round of Geobee on December 15th for 4th and 5th grade classes; 6 classroom winners will take part in school final in late January
 - Safety Issues: pedestrians crossing Hayward Street continues to be a problem – keep reminding students and parents to use the crosswalks, document those that continue to cross where they shouldn't and try to come up with a safe solution [possibly use a different exit next year?]
- 5. Treasures' Update
 - To date we have \$16,342.74
 - Recess equipment purchase: Rita will look into Discount School Supply/ Five Below
- 6. Important Matters
 - Open Positions
 - Secretary (ASAP) 2016-2017 – Beth Rea has agreed to join us!
 - Apparel (2016-2017) – tbd
 - Class Directory (2017-2018) – Naeemah Luckey will take over
 - Connect Ed Requests for PTO related events: requests need to be emailed with text to be read to Jess 3 days in advance
 - Mindful Workshop will be set up by Ms. Romeo for MCAS test takers [grades 3, 4 and 5] during school; another workshop can be arranged for parents if there is interest
 - Full Day Kindergarten at Ross 2017-2018
- 7. Upcoming Events
 - Valentine's Day, Tuesday, 2/14/17
 - Considering buying Heartfelt Pretzels for all children [285] cost \$105 [\$35/case of 104, we need 3 cases]
 - Should we just do pencils and erasers instead?
 - 5th Grade Raffle/ Street Sign Raffle, 2/24/17

- Spring Calendars: need more sponsors by February vacation, solicit local businesses
- Fun Run, Sunday, 4/2/17: early registration is due 3/15/17
 - Dave & Buster's will be at the event along with the Celtics' trophy!
- Holiday Fair 2017-2018: Nicole is retiring after this year's fair, coordinate a new committee [consider breaking the categories up...]

8. Committee Updates

- Cultural Arts (Lauren Crook & Valerie Fink)
 - Events are posted on the school website
- Box Tops (Katie Hooper & Erin Kendrick)
- Hospitality (Lauren Crook & Rita Stones)
 - Working on a coffee morning in February
- Holiday Fair (Kelly Lessard, Autumn King & Nicole Gangi)
- 5th Grade (Kelly Lessard & Katie Graziano)

9. New Ideas

- New possible fundraiser from Roncos Barber Shop
- PTO Presidents from each of the town's elementary schools are coordinating a meet-up / Facebook group to share ideas
- BHS Prom Committee submitted a request to all the PTOs in town to contribute to their fund for buses to/from Boston for their prom at Hard Rock Café
 - Motion denied

10. Raffles and Adjournment

Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, March 14, 2017 @ 7pm