

Exeter Elementary PTO

January 2017 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017, at 6:30 a.m. in the Main Street School library

Attendance: Dawn Bullens, Allison Jelinek, Valerie Castonguay, Cyndy Smith, Steve Adler, Rachael Gloss, Heidi Mellow, Maureen Brown, Lisa McConnell, Jan Smith, Drew Bairstow, Patty Wons, Bill Perkins, and Suzy Finniss. There were 14 members in attendance.

Meeting called to order by President Dawn Bullens at 6:40 p.m.

Officer's Reports (name of speaker, summary of business discussed)

Secretary's Report: given by Allison Jelinek, PTO Secretary.

- Reported that the February Newsletter is being drafted and any news to be included needs to be provided by Monday, Jan. 23.
- Provided the minutes from the November 2016 meeting for review and discussion. A motion was made by Steve Adler and seconded by Dawn Bullens to accept the minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report: given by Valerie Castonguay.

- Distributed and briefly reviewed the status of the 2016-2017 PTO budget.
- Revenue generated by box tops is approximately \$2900.
- Revenue generated by Square 1 Art was approximately \$300 to-date. Families should be reminded that Square 1 Art can be purchased at anytime during the school year.

Principal's Reports

Main Street School: given by Steve Adler, MSS Principal

- Literacy assessments recently completed and math assessments scheduled for January.
- MLK school assembly with songs and a skit about exclusion, and a brief video about the life of MLK.
- Handed out 737 "Caught Ya" cards to students for good deeds.
- Second session of after-school enrichment programs begins in January 2017.
- Second quarter report cards to be sent home January 27th.
- Students from the School of Science and Technology (SST) will be shadowing teachers during the month of January.
- During the month of February the HAVEN program will visit MSS to present the "Good Touch/Safe Touch" program.
- Proposed items/projects requiring financial support:
 - Shade structure for the playground.
 - Additional Google Chromebooks and Apple iPads for classroom support.

Lincoln Street School: given by Drew Bairstow, LSS Principal

- Proposed items/projects requiring financial support:
 - Additional Google Chromebooks to reach goal of having 10/classroom.
 - Audio & video recording/editing equipment [iMac, video cameras, and digital cameras] and an AV storage space for the library.
- Results of recent STAR math & reading assessments showed that 74% of students that needed accelerated growth to meet baseline standards have accomplished these goals.
- This year's "One School - One Book" program has begun and all students/teachers/administrators are reading "Wish" by Barbara O'Conner.

Teacher Representative Reports:

Given by Cyndy Smith (LSS representative)

- Thanked the PTO on behalf of LSS Teachers/Faculty for the recent science assemblies and Tiger Assembly.

Given by Maureen Brown (MSS representative)

- Relayed discussion among MSS teachers regarding the timing of the upcoming Teacher Raffle. A list of raffle items is currently being compiled and raffle tickets will be sold and awarded in late-March. Dawn Bullens recognized that teachers are interested in moving up the raffle sooner in the school year and suggested that the dates should be revisited again early in the 2017-2018 calendar year.
- Suggested that MSS faculty and staff would like to start planning their roles for the May Road Race in advance of their busy Spring season, and requested that the committee setup Volunteer Spot soon.
- Thanked the PTO on behalf of MSS Teachers/Faculty for the Northeast Passage Presentation.

Committee Updates

Fundraising 2016-2017: given by Dawn Bullens

- Get Fit in May
 - Heidi Merrow, reported that the committee has two sponsors and is actively pursuing others.
 - Maureen Brown reiterated that the committee should consider organizing the Volunteer Spot website sooner than later.
 - Committee is still looking for volunteers to organize and plan the upcoming race. Specifically, looking for help with food & beverage and sponsorship.

Visitors Presentation - "CMS Building Renewal Project" presented by Bill Perkins, CMS Assistant Principal and Patty Won, CMS Principal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next Exeter Elementary PTO Meeting will be held on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 8:45 a.m. in the Lincoln Street School cafeteria.

Minutes compiled by Allison Jelinek, PTO Secretary.