

Exeter Elementary PTO Minutes: January 9, 2019

Attendance: Allison Battles, Kathleen Kirwin, Heidi Merrow, Cyndy Smith, Maureen Brown, Sharon Lalonde, Beth Cadorette, Deanna Donnelly, Nora Garrity, Jillian Burns, Sheri Gushta, Michelle Harvell, Suzy Finniss, Christiani Gatto, Steve Adler

Volunteer Update: Nora Garrity shared there were nine openings for volunteers for Try It Tuesday and Picturing Writing. Seven volunteers signed up. Recently, twenty-five more volunteers have signed up. We are still looking for volunteers for After School Enrichment, Get Fit in May, and Try It Tuesday. Nora is looking for room parent information to help recruit more volunteers. Kyme Meyers' mom is coordinating community volunteers. GFWC is wishing to volunteer.

PTO Meetings: Could we remind families of PTO meetings through Sign Up Genius? Steve Adler said we can also put reminders out to families through school messenger.

Motion to accept minutes: Cyndy Smith and second Deanna Donnelly

Beth Cadorette/Principal's Report/MSS

In December, the kindergarten concerts were held at Riverwoods and Waterstreet. The residents loved hearing the students sing and the students enjoyed their visit.

Students participated in Image Making Days with Karla Putney the day before Christmas break. The students made a variety of designs that they will use to make collages. This directly ties into our writing program. Thank you to Karla and the volunteers who helped.

At the last staff meeting at MSS, the staff discussed how to talk to students about lockdown procedures. What should students do if there is a stranger in the building or a dangerous situation? Most importantly students must listen to the instructions of a teacher or a trusted adult. Teachers will be reinforcing this with their class. There are links on the website if anyone wants more information about lockdown procedures. Letters will be sent home to parents before practice takes place at school.

MSS participated in Hat Day to benefit the Exeter Children's Chamber Fund. \$367.00 was raised for the cause. This is one way in which we give back to the community.

MSS celebrated Law Enforcement Day. Students and teachers were encouraged to wear blue. Police officers visited with students in the lunchroom. This visit supported a leadership theme...how to be a leader at school and in the community.

January 21st MSS will be having a hygiene drive and deliver what is collected to the food pantry.

Deanna Donnelly/Principal's Report/LSS

At the UNH hockey game, LSS students sang the National Anthem.

Students are enjoying Try It Tuesday and the Lunch Bunch.

Thank you for the Chrome Books.

At Tier 3 Alice Training, the discussion was how to talk about lock down with students. The job of all students is to listen to adults. A letter will be sent home.

Maureen Brown/MSS:

There was a big response to the teacher raffle. Around 40 people had already responded!

Thank you for the I-Pads and Chrome Books.

It was suggested that classroom recognition for Box Top collection might be considered rather than individual students. Box Top reminder letters help parents remember to send them in.

Sharon Lalonde/MSS

Having Chrome Books is great for the students. Teachers are looking forward to getting the diversity materials.

Suzy Finniss/MSS

Kindergarten is scheduling trips to the post office, police station, and the book store downtown as part of their community studies.

Cyndy Smith/LSS

Third grade gave positive feedback about Square One Art.

Thanks for the Tiger Program. It had a very positive message.

LSS had a large sign up for the teacher raffle.

Storage was found for the Take Apart Club. The students love taking things apart. On the last day, they will be putting things back together.

Fundraisers:

Charleston Wrap: \$6500 less than expected. Customer service was very difficult so we will be looking for a new fundraiser for next year. It was suggested we do T-shirts/flowers/seeds instead.

Square One Art: \$2500 more than expected.

Lexi's was a huge success. \$620 and it was suggested we have more restaurant nights. Suggestions: Ohana, Capital Thai, Noodle Bar, Laney Lu's, Los Olas, 110 Grill

Hockey night at UNH: \$780 profit/sold 260 tickets. There may have been a misunderstanding that it was only for chorus and it may have been too late for the kids at MSS.

A letter will be going out to families about the teacher raffle. The winners will be announced before February vacation.

We may pursue family movie night.

Get Fit in May has 20 people registered so far. The sponsorship committee has its first meeting January 15th.

5th Grade Yearbook:

Michelle Harvell will be working on the 5th grade yearbook next year.

Website:

We need volunteers to build and maintain our website.

Motion to adjourn Cyndy Smith second Maureen Brown