

*Exeter Elementary PTO: Wednesday, September 12, 2018*

**Attendance:** Allison Battles, Kathleen Kirwin, Janna Rigatti, Sarah Valade, Sheri Gusta, Jillian Burns, Heidi Mellow, Beth Cadorette, Maureen Brown, Nicole Mazur, Laura Grieb, Cyndy Smith, Toyin Augustus, Suzy Finnis, Val Castonguay, Steve Adler, Drew Bairstow

**Introductions:** Co-presidents: Allison Battles and Jillian Burns  
Secretary: Heidi Mellow  
Treasurer: Valerie Castonguay  
Volunteer Coordinator: Nora Garrity  
Hospitality: Sarah Valade and Nicole Mazur

**Volunteers:** Nora Garrity stated she will be using Sign-up Genius to coordinate volunteers for events. Also, Nora will be sending out a letter asking parents if they may be able to help with certain school events. Children really enjoy seeing their parents at school. One example is Try It Tuesday.

**Director of Instruction, MSS:** Karla Putney will be providing training for math fact fluency and reading volunteers at MSS. She will send Nora a list of what she will need for volunteers.

**Director of Instruction, LSS:** Julie Lambert is also looking for volunteers to help with math fluency games. The volunteers time commitment will be about one hour per week.

**Volunteers:** Beth Cadorette, Vice Principal at MSS stresses the importance of confidentiality. Volunteers are such an important part of building a school community. Through their contact with children, they can obtain a lot of information but must only share this information with the classroom teacher. **What happens at school stays at school.** Drew Bairstow reiterates how important confidentiality is. Steve Adler

mentioned how appreciative he is of our volunteers. Could we use another volunteer coordinator? PTO will set up a table at both Open Houses to try to get more volunteers. How can we reach out to others in the community?

**Treasurer's report:** Valerie Castonguay reported there is \$50,000 dollars in the PTO budget. 18,500 coming from Get Fit in May, Square 1 Art contributing \$3,500 and we earn \$5,000 in proceeds from Charleston Wrap.

**Requests:** Drew Bairstow would like 10 Chromebooks in each classroom. He is requesting 40 Chromebooks and licenses. The total request is \$9,110. Based on the budget the PTO will provide half now and check the budget at the end of the year. Steve Adler will have the same allowance for technology. The old Chromebooks cannot be updated as they fail, the track pads stop working and the screens crack. It would be more expensive to repair than replace. Nora passed a motion to purchase half of the Chromebooks requested and Maureen Brown did second the motion.

**Thank you:** Maureen Brown thanked the PTO for startup costs for the classroom. Suzy Finnis said thank you for the money for buses to attend field trips and the second grade is thankful for their trip to the Audubon Center this October. Cindy Smith thanks the PTO for the Chromebooks. They are very helpful in allowing students to access the curriculum. LSS is also thankful for the extra curricular activities and field trips.

**Upcoming Events:** October 1: Math fact training  
October 4: Welcome back breakfast  
October 15: Reading volunteer training  
November 1: Book Fair

**Fund raising: Square 1 Art, Charleston Wrap, Get Fit in May, ...other ideas; spirit wear, teacher tailored kits, theme baskets, teacher raffle. Should we have a fundraising committee? Would it help if we had more social media presence?**