

Exeter Elementary PTO Minutes: November 14, 2018

Attendance: Allison Battles, Drew Bairstow, Michelle Harvell, Jillian Burns, Val Castonguay, Heidi Merrow, Cyndy Smith, Kelly Fisher, Kimberly Myers, Suzy Finness, Steve Adler, Nicole Mazzur

Volunteer Update: Kyme Myers joined Nora Garrity as a volunteer coordinator. They are coordinating pick up for Charleston Wrap. Pick up schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, November 20- 6:30-8:30 a.m.

2:55-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 21- 8:00-10:00 a.m. (office staff will help with this)

Volunteers are needed for shifts lasting approximately one to one and a half hours.

Also, volunteers are needed for Try It Tuesday. Mrs. Thayer also needs more volunteers for Lunch Bunch at LSS. This important program shows students how much our community cares about children who live in Exeter.

We no longer need volunteers to staff school store.

Motion to accept minutes: Nicole Mazzur and second Cyndy Smith

Principal's Report/Steve Adler

MSS received a grant from the NH Charitable Foundation for the recess staff to be trained in Playworks. They learned different games and activities that can be done during recess time. These activities are voluntary and the P.E. teachers will be assisting with this. The games are socially and actively engaging.

Both MSS and LSS are Blue Ribbon schools. We are lucky to have so many volunteers.

Thank you to teachers working so hard during parent conferences. They are working both morning and night and this is very much appreciated.

Are we asking for too much money at once with book fairs, Square One Art and Charleston Wrap?

Thank you to Karla Putney for leading a book club for teachers. The book being used at this time is Responsive Classroom which supports the work we are already doing with Open Circle. We want all children to feel welcome and included at school.

Principal's Report/ Drew Bairstow

LSS is still counting money collected at trick or treat for Unicef.

Thank you to Timberlane for donating a pair of boots to all students that are receiving a backpack with food through 68 Hours of Hunger.

90% of parents attended conferences. Thank you to teachers for coming in early and staying late.

LSS is organizing turkey and food baskets through the nurse's office.

Cameras are being installed for the price of \$38,332. Thank you to Dick Wendell and Rick Cane. MSS has cameras already installed. There are @ 35 cameras per school allowing for 500 different views throughout the district.

The drama club is presenting Ariel and the Little Mermaid.

Suzy Finness/MSS

Students in kindergarten are looking forward to their field trip to St. Vincent's. This is part of their Project Based Learning about the community. St Vincent's suggests donating syrup, toilet paper, and ketchup. Upcoming Kindergarten concerts are as follows: Riverbrook, Water Street, and the holiday concert will be on Wednesday, December 19th at 9:30 a.m.

Cyndy Smith/LSS

LSS teachers were informed that this is the last call for being reimbursed for school start up costs.

Square One Art: Could students sign and date? Could there be more direct instruction for this project? Could teachers have examples of what students might do?

Kelly Fisher/MSS

First grade teachers are excited about the diversity materials.

Nicole Mazzur/Fundraising

We are getting ready for the teacher/staff raffle. Could there be a point person at each school who will find out which teachers would like to participate? Is \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 too expensive? Should we have \$1.00 and \$2.00 tickets? Students will only be allowed to win one time.

Restaurant night will be at Lexi's one Tuesday night in December. You may eat in or take out and 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the PTO.

UNH hockey game will be January 5th. LSS school chorus will perform. Tickets will be \$12.00 each. This will be a \$3.00 upcharge that will be donated to the PTO.

Get Fit in May- New sponsorship levels:

Platinum-\$2,500

Gold-\$1,250

Silver-\$750

Bronze-\$350

\$150 or more the business name will appear on children's t-shirts.

Registration will be up and running soon.

Other:

Would PTO be interested in sponsoring a yearbook for fifth grade?

Could MSS get a second lane on the newly painted walking track?

The sugar shed donation can only be used for that.

Motion to adjourn: Cyndy Smith and second Kelly Fisher