



# Malcolm White PTO

Minutes: Wednesday May 12, 2021

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Executive Board Members Present -- Amy Panichella (President), Carla Beaudoin (Treasurer), Kevin Kealing (Secretary), Areti Papadopoulos (Vice-President), Ulli Areti (Enrichment Coordinator)

Members Present -- Mr. Nickerson, Jennifer Jones, Denise Delaney, Rae Allen, Amanda Dodge, Jackie Buttaro, Chris Elwell, Meghan Grabert

- 1) Call to Order - 7:02 pm
- 2) Review of Minutes from 4/12/2021 meeting: 10 yes - 0 no
- 3) Principal & Teacher Comments
  - a) Mr. Nickerson thanked PTO for Community Day. MCAS coming up
    - i) Mrs. Dodge reported that more information is coming out to virtual academy students about MCAS at home
    - ii) Ms. Allen thanked PTO for Teacher Appreciation week.
- 4) President's Report
  - a) Nominations for 2020/2021 Board Officers
    - i) Amy recounted that the vote to extend the nomination period was missed at the last meeting and for people to think over whether they objected to voting.
  - b) Staff Appreciation Week
    - i) PTO followed the guidance for the week-long event using a list of teachers' favorite things that was gathered earlier in the year. The entire

budget for Teacher Appreciation was not used, with the plan to use some at the end of the year.

5) Treasurer's Report

- a) Carla reported raising a total of \$6,307 to date and still getting registrations for Trivia
- b) Currently have \$12,105.69 in the account and with planned end of year expenses will leave the bank account in great shape for next year.

6) Vice-President's Report

- a) Virtual Trivia Night is going to be held on May 21, 7pm to join, trivia to start at 7:30. Please spread the word!

7) Enrichment Coordinator's Report

- a) Grant application update
  - i) Receiving a grant for \$4800 for change is simple!

8) Sub - Committee Reports

- a) By Laws committee
  - i) Discussed items:
    - 1) Quorum -- consensus that quorum of 10 was fine
    - 2) Discussion was had about whether or not to require two signatories on checks over a certain amount and the wording of "household" or "family" members as signatories.
  - ii) During discussion it became clear that the Standing Rules of items such as Finance and Audit Committee needed to be worked out before the bylaws were voted in. Tabled voting pending standing rules determination.
- b) MWE Scholarship committee
  - i) Winner has been chosen and will be announced at graduation
- c) Community Day
  - i) Thank you to PTO and all families involved!

- ii) Kids can continue to earn YES hours over the summer for keeping up with watering and weeding

d) 5th grade committee

- i) The yearbook is being wrapped up. Please submit pictures to Lindsay Johnson.

9) Election for 2021/2022 Board Officers

- a) Elections were held for all officer positions. Amy made a motion to elect the following individuals in the following offices, Areti seconded. Vote totals:

- i) Amy Panichella (President) -- 11 for, 1 abstain
- ii) Carla Beaudoin (Treasurer) -- 11 for, 1 abstain
- iii) Kevin Kealing (Secretary) -- 11 for, 1 abstain
- iv) Jackie Buttaro (Vice-President) -- 10 for, 2 abstain
- v) Ulli Areti (Enrichment Coordinator) -- 11 for, 1 abstain

10) Meeting adjourned 7:45pm

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 9, 2021