



# Malcolm White PTO

Minutes: Wednesday June 9, 2021

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Attendees: Ulli Airey (Enrichment Coordinator), Kevin Kealing (Secretary), Carla Beaudoin (Treasurer), Arerti Papadopoulos (VP), Amy Panichella (President), Jackie Buttaro, Renee Prestia, Rae Allen, Jennifer Jones, Chris Elwell, Meghan Grabert, Rob Nickerson

- 1) Call to Order at 7pm
- 2) Review of Minutes from 5/12/2021 meeting: Minutes were approved by a vote of 11 Yes, 1 abstain
- 3) Principal & Teacher Comments
  - a) Mr. Nickerson reported that MCAS are over. Kids and staff are feeling the end of the year and getting through.
    - i) Activity Day is on Friday (6/11) in lieu of Field Day due to social distancing regulations. It is basically an extended gym class that Mrs. Hatch has designed and everyone is really looking forward to.
  - b) Ms. Allen reported that kids are excited for Activity Day and virtual academy is conducting their own version of it as well.
- 4) President's Report
  - a) End of year staff appreciation: Currently discussing plans for staff appreciation at the end of the year. If there are any ideas please let Amy know.
- 5) Treasurer's Report
  - a) May ending at \$10,611 and with final year payments, Carla is expecting that there will be a final balance going into the year of \$5 - \$6k.

- a) The draft budget for 2022 is not complete. It will be completed and placed on the website over the summer.
- 6) Vice-President's Report
  - a) Virtual Trivia Night wrap up
    - i) 9-total teams. Over \$1,000 was raised.
- 7) Enrichment Coordinator's Report
  - a) Nothing to report
- 8) Sub - Committee Reports
  - a) 5th grade committee - plans for celebration, costs associated & potential vote on use of additional funding
    - i) Meghan Grabert reviewed the budget and proposed a spending plan of approximately \$3,600. The approved budget was \$3,000 but 5th grade parents raised \$600
      - 1) Carla motioned that an amount not to exceed \$3,600 be allotted for 5th grade graduation and Kevin seconded.**
      - 2) Discussion:
        - (a) Kevin brought forward the concern of un-sanctioned or discussed fundraising for the 5th grade which may have left some 5th grade parents feeling like they were forced to pay extra. Kevin suggested that fundraising rules be created to make sure that fundraising be done at the school level
        - (b) Areti brought up that the 5th grade students/parents overall were low contributors to fundraising in general across the year which isn't consistent with the spirit of working together.
        - (c) Meghan brought up that in years past there was more natural opportunities such as bake sales.

(d) Mr. Nickerson echoed the need to stay away from  
single-grade fundraising

(e) Meghan qualified that anything unspent would be returned  
to PTO

**3) Amy called for a vote, Motion passed 10 yes, 2 abstentions**

9) Questions, comments, concerns

- a) Discussion was had as to people's feelings about returning to physical meetings with a virtual option
- b) Majority would like to have a set day of the week.
- c) Meghan brought up a fundraiser option of selling raffle tickets similar to the Hurd Wyman for scratcher tickets for next year.

The next meeting will be in September and will be posted to the website (along with all of the planned meetings for next year) once it is scheduled!

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER!