



Malcolm White PTO

Minutes: Wednesday, April 13, 2022

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Executive Board Attendance: Amy Panichella, Ulli Airey (enrichment coordinator), Jackie Buttaro (vice president), Kevin Kealing (secretary), Rob Nickerson (principal), Carla Beaudoin (treasurer)

Membership Attendance: Rae Allen (2nd grade teacher), Sarah Bergman-McCool, Renee Prestia, Jennifer Jones, Emily Lipsett, Elise Meyers, Chris Elwell, Areti Papadopoulos, Katie Fitzgerald

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Review of Minutes from March 9th meeting
 - a) Motion made to accept the minutes from the 3/9/22 meeting by Elise Mayers, seconded by Jackie Buttaro and passed 6-0-2.
- 4) Principal / Teacher Comments
 - a) Day 3 of MCAS has been completed. After vacation more testing will commence.
 - b) Pickup and dropoff plan is nearly ready to be launched, we are waiting for parking lot painting
 - c) Special thanks to Elise Mayers and the Kindness Committee
 - d) PTO-purchased \$5 gift cards have been distributed
 - e) Thank you to the 60 parents who have signed a petition for an assistant Principal for the school. It was an excellent representation and will be a wonderful addition to the school.
 - f) There is a new sign on Bow St for the school that the Jones Family gifted to the school.
 - g) Teachers have been doing an excellent job coping with changes and being committed to consistency and excellence through everything.
 - h) Last day of school is Friday, June 24th (½ day)
- 5) Treasurer's Report
 - a) \$15,500 has been raised this year
 - b) \$10,000 has been spent this year

- c) We are in great financial shape to be able to handle outside the budget requests.
 - d) All materials are available on the website
- 6) Community Day
 - a) Jennifer Jones reported that community day part 1 is April 30th at 3pm. Part 1 will focus on schoolyard cleanup and garden bed prep.
 - b) Day 2 will be on May 14th for plantings.
- 7) Field Day
 - a) Mrs. Hatch primarily runs field day.
 - b) Mr. Nickerson has requested that the PTO handle t-shirts, approximately 350 at \$4/each, dunk tank, bouncy houses, obstacle courses are all an option.
 - c) Ulli Airey advocated for purchasing extra shirts in order to be able to offer Malcolm White spirit wear in the future.
 - d) Kevin Kealing made a motion for "The PTO to allocate \$3,000 to field day and spirit day." The motion was seconded by Jackie Buttaro and passed unanimously.
 - e) Field Day will be June 17
- 8) Vice-President's Report / Fundraising
 - a) Trivia Night
 - i) Website has been taking orders and have had great response
 - ii) Donations are being solicited for raffle
 - iii) We would love to receive additional donations/gift cards
- 9) Enrichment Coordinator's Report
 - A. Kindergarten enrichment is in May
Commonwealth Museum had a great response
 - B. Book fair
 - i) Every child went home with a book and moving forward there is enough in the budget that every child will get a book.
 - ii) \$100 was given to each teacher in addition to family e-wallet donations.
- 10) Scholarship committee

Applications are due this week and Amy will still accept volunteers to review essays to make a selection on May 6.

 - a) Cheryl Lombardo Memorial committee
 - b) A bench has been ordered in Cheryl's honor, "Cheryl Lombardo's Buddy Bench"
 - c) A library box will also be installed next to the bench
 - d) Placement will hopefully be located near the kindergarten/first grade area but that is still to be decided.
- 10) Rainbow Alliance
 - a) Quick update was given by Kevin Kealing.
- b) Kindness Committee
 - i) Focusing on community day for April
 - ii) March's focus was a chalk obstacle course mural completed by the Begman-McCool family
- 11) 5th grade committee
 - a) Yearbook is almost complete, still soliciting information

12) PTO Board nomination

- a) Election will be May 11th
- b) Kevin Kealing nominated Jackie Buttaro for President
- c) Elise Mayers nominated Kaite Fitzgerald for Treasurer
- d) Kevin Kealing nominated Heather Grossklaus for Secretary
- e) Nominations will continue to be accepted from the floor on May 11th.

13) Adjournment

- a) Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Jackie Buttaro, seconded by Elise Mayers and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

****Our next meeting will be on Wednesday May 11h at 7pm****