**PTO MEETING MINUTES**

**January 9, 2017**

**ATTENDEES:**

Suzanne Bediz, Theresa Whitman, Jennifer Roberts, Gina Hatfield, Carla Christensen, Carol Mondello, Chrissie Twombly, Nicole Curcuru, Melissa McNeilly, Amanda Kuhl, Francesca Segarra, and Deanna Pierpan.

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:**

This meeting was called to order at 6:37pm by Co-Presidents Suzanne Bediz and Theresa Whitman.

**HELLO FROM PRINCIPAL ROBERTS:**

Dr. Roberts began with discussing that DESSA screening is currently taking place. The initial screening assessment is a quick process which identifies children which need support in their social-emotional learning skills. Classroom teachers conduct the mini screens, following that Deborah Welling then takes over the process if child is identified in needing further skill building in the social-emotional learning areas including self-awareness, self-management, social-awareness and decision-making. Dr. Roberts also announced that Deanna Pierpan has filled the School Council vacancy. Also, Mrs. Curcuru, this meetings teacher liaison, reported that The Spaulding Trust Grant funded the alternative seating needs for the classrooms.

**ENRICHMENT UPDATE:**

Deanna Pierpan discussed the newest community reading title, ‘Gaston'. Deanna would like some more input in the title, so that it might be a more appropriate read for the higher grade readers. One per family is distributed. Dr. Roberts felt that the communication of the community reading event might be given more attention. In the past the community read distribution day was simultaneous with that of Memorial School, the goal is to try to reinstate one roll out day for everyone and make it a more publicized event.

**VP ELECTION:**

Theresa Whitman stated that Carol Mondello and Carla Christensen have both expressed interest in sharing the Vice Presidency vacancy. Motion made and passed to elect Carol Mondello and Carla Christensen as Co-Vice Presidents. The role is mainly focused on liaising between the event chairs and the PTO members, to improve the flow of information.

**MESSY ART NIGHT:**

The chairs for this evening are Natasha Taylor, Jade Gideon, and Chris Straub-Mcginn. The date has been set for Friday, February 10, 2017. The chairs for this event will be contacted to ensure that planning is on target for the night to be this date.

**APPEAL UPDATE:**

Francesca Segarra reported the fall appeal is now totaled at $3135.00. Approximately $500 was found within the Paypal account, and transferred into the main account. Business sponsorship totals have had no change since the last meeting.

**AUCTION UPDATE:**

Melissa McNeilly reported that the business mailers have been sent out, approximately 400 in total. The raffle prize is TBD and the sponsor is also yet to be confirmed.

**FUNDING REQUESTS:**

Two funding requests have been received. Ms. Jordan sent in her books stipend request, totaling $95.21. Mr. Burnett has submitted a funding request totaling $99.75, included in this request is for his supply stipend, $44.86 for Plexiglas for use with the Ladybug document camera, books for classroom library, and $54.89 for commercial free Pandora, for classroom background music for children.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Red Sox offices have contacted the PTO and offered a discounted ticket night for a game for the EES PTO. Theresa Whitman will obtain more details for further consideration. The Courtyard needs attention as described by Jeannine Stanley. Each classroom is trying to obtain volunteers to maintain the growing beds which are assigned to them. It was agreed to include her request in The Buzz. Also to be included in The Buzz is all expected available opportunities for the 2017/2018 school year, including Enrichment Coordinator, Book Fair Chair, and Community Read Representative.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

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