

PTO MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2018

Attendees:

Suzanne Bediz, Carol Mondello, Chrissie Twombly, Naomi Chapman, Theresa Whitman, Jeannine Stanley, Annie Cameron, Melissa McNeilly, Carla Christensen

The March meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Carol Mondello.

School Committee Budget Update:

School committee is finalizing the FY2019 budget. Annie Cameron shared that there were increases in insurance, but were smaller than originally anticipated. She encouraged all in attendance to review the budget and attend school committee meetings and contact her if there are any questions.

Manchester Memorial Elementary School building project continues. The Hub will be finalized for the new building project, which will be reviewed by each town.

Auction Update:

The auction begins in two weeks. Melissa is in need of additional help to make phone calls to confirm donations and possibly pick up donations. The Pick-up Party will be a fundraising dinner at Riversbend on Wednesday, April 11th. Information will be posted on Facebook. Students will work with teachers to write thank you notes (approximately 100 will be needed).

Book Fair Recap:

Even with the inclement weather and delay of the book fair (moved to Monday), sales totalled \$5400. Due to the shift of the fair, packing up was difficult.

The Community Read:

The book The Incredible Book-Eating Boy is this year's selection. There are some funds allocated through the PTO budget. Additional funding will be sought from the Hooper Fund.

STEM Night Update:

STEM Night will be held on Friday, March 30. There are 17 exhibitors. Jenna Ware-Hough is chairing the event and Carol/Carla will support. Bag lunches will be provided for the exhibitors. The building use form needs to be completed.

Enrichment Update:

Backyard Growers is planting in April and Student Council is prepared for the spring planting, June harvest of salad greens. The garden will need watering during the summer months. Student Council/PTO will create a SignUpGenius for parent volunteers.

Open Positions:

There will open positions beginning in June 2018. Co-President, Co-Vice President, Media Coordinator, and other terms are expiring. By-laws will be reviewed at the April 2018 meeting.

Other Business:

The Girl Scouts will be invited to the May 7, 2018 meeting to present ideas for the Make A Change badge.

Funding Requests:

Mrs. Curcuru/Mrs. Macneill submitted a funding request in the amount of \$30.00 for berets for the poetry cafe. Third grades will use these props annually. Carol Mondello motioned to approve this request, Carla Christensen seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.