



Memorial PTO Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2021

Attendees: Michelle Kirkby, Katherine Weisse, Danielle Tata, Jenny Shaw, Kelly Behbehani, Nicole Drummond, Jamie Brawner, Kristin Reitz, Jill Warner, Jen Montone, Christen Holmes, Julie Monahan, Kristen Lipschutz, Catie Mavrikos, Kelly Lickteig, Jenna Schwartz, Sarah Cole Audra Dimitriadis

Note: A special presentation about the new elementary school project by Dr. Marsden and Steve Grenham preceded the meeting (7:00pm-8:45pm)

1. Important Dates

- a. Halloween Parade/Parties - Friday, October 29th, 9:15am
 - Party in a Bag-be sure to pack allergy friendly snacks
 - Parade route is outside-route goes all around the building
- b. Townwide PTO - Nov 3, 7 PM
 - There will also be a presentation by Steve and Jeff.
- c. Winter Parties-December 23rd. More info to follow. Party in a Bag going forward.
 - If kids forget, teachers have spare bags. Michelle will follow up about extra party in a bag for kids that forget

2. President's Report - Michelle Kirkby

- a. Boo Fundraiser with Wheelock and Dale-We sold 720 ghosts. Each school will get \$2700.
- b. DEI Book initiative with PSB (Every Story Matters)-Our goal is that every classroom at Memorial will receive 37 DEI books. We will do 4 pushes throughout the year. 700 books for the school! First push is next week! PSB will have this online. We will do 10 books at a time. Holidays will be the next push. The Next push will coincide with Read Across America (March). There will be a final push at the end of the year.
- c. Holiday Cookie Kit - Kelly- Jamie is not returning calls, so it looks like we will have to find another baker.

d. Acton Discovery Museum - The PTO is funding two workshops in Spring 2022: Kindergarten workshop will be about force and motion. First grade workshop will be about light and color.

e. Our first grant request is for Multicultural crayons. PTO will fund this year, but going forward teachers can request these to be on the school supply list.

3. Principal's Report - Missy Bilsborough

- a. Halloween Parade is first thing in the morning, so kids can just come to school in costume.
- b. There will be a staff pumpkin parade next week! Kids will see the pumpkins while they walk during mask breaks.
- c. Inner Explorer: Social/emotional learning is a focus this year. 5 minute daily session (click and play). Calming strategies, etc. 180 days of these videos. 1 per day! Pre-k to 5 initiative.

4. Treasurer's Report - Katherine Weisse

- a. School supply kit fundraiser-big income
- b. Teacher start up funds-big expense

5. Other items:

- a. Question about volunteers: Volunteers are normally welcome in the school. Right now, the only volunteers allowed are in the library. In Dec/Jan teachers might start inviting parents in to volunteer.
- b. There is a volunteer position open in kindergarten PTO for kindergarten t-shirts.
- c. The K-8 PTO just launched a new spirit shop. It is a 24/7 year round Medfield shop. It's posted on Medfield k-8 facebook pages