



Memorial PTO Meeting

March 8, 2023

In Attendance: Melissa Bilborough, Ali Spidalieri, Kayleigh Carrington, Katherine Weisse, Meredith Lambert, Danielle Tata, Maria Newberg, Kelly Behbehani

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Principal's Report – Missy Bilborough
 - a. Very busy right now with so many things such as Read Across America
 - i. Readers recorded stories for teachers to play to their classrooms and hear more stories than when it was just in person visitors.
 - ii. There are themes happening every day this week.
 - iii. Conferences are happening primarily tomorrow and Friday.
 1. Both Zoom and in person are options.
 - iv. Last week Stoneybrook came to visit some of our classrooms and prepared them for their upcoming trip to Stoneybrook.
 - v. Will be celebrating neuro diversity week next week in an age appropriate way.
 1. Reading some stories and Jothy Rosenberg will come in to talk with all the students etc.
 - vi. Literacy night is coming up as well
 - vii. The principals are working together regarding the upcoming placement process.
 1. Zoom is on March 29th or can be seen after the fact.
 - viii. Thank you on behalf of the librarians for the grant to bring back David Biedrzycki
3. Important Dates
 - a. Read Across America: First week of March (March 6th-10th)
 - i. *Chairs: Jenna Schwirtz and Julie Monaghan
 - ii. * Taped “Special Guests” for teachers to show on their own schedule
4. Treasurer's Report: Katherine Weisse
 - a. Paint Night Fundraiser - \$2,155
 - i. A sold out event of 50 pairs of grown up/child
 - b. The rainbow run – 20k from last spring's rainbow run
 - c. Winter refresh checks were sent out- 2,150 to all the teachers
 - d. Updates to staff appreciation
 - e. Rainbow Run will be happening again in the fall

5. President's Report – Danielle Tata/ Kelly Behbehani
 - a. Acton Discovery Museum – set for Spring (May 31, June 6, June 7)
 - b. Kindergarten t-shirts – Ali Spidalieri
 - a. The design is ready, the proof came back today
 - b. Will be putting in the newsletter soon
 - c. Orders will need to be in by April 15th
 - d. Cost for current and adult shirt will be \$25
 - e. If everyone purchases a set we should have a profit of around 2k
 - c. Side note from Ali Spidalieri - We should be trying to make sure people know about each classes Facebook page so that some parents are not missing out on information that is being shared or things that are upcoming.
 - a. Maybe include it in the supplies list email that goes out to everyone
 - b. Is there a place for FAQs such as protocol for a 2hr delay etc.
 - i. This is in the handbook and was shared in the newsletter, we try not to make it too public.
 - ii. What other things would be helpful to know in an “at a glance” especially if you are new to the school district?
 - d. Playground Update – Amy Gilmore/ Rachel Grof
 - a. **NEW POTENTIAL PLAYGROUND PARTNER: CHILD SCAPES**
 - i. DT/ MB/ KB met with Tim Pesco (President) on Wednesday 3.1
 1. They are local and it was a really great meeting.
 2. They are very positive and responsive.
 3. He has done this a lot so also had great suggestions.
 4. The most popular design that he gets compliments on will be a big carousel style item.
 5. He also had a good understanding of what style structure is best for what aged children.
 - ii. Bottom line: they can do what we need!
 1. They understand it will be a piece by piece, movable and accessible playground.
 2. We can get the first couple pieces by this summer so the current K kids will be able to play on them this fall!
 - b. NEXT STEPS:
 - i. Grants?
 - ii. Corporate Sponsors?
 1. The problem we encountered before is most corporations want to see a full plan. Now we will have this!
 - iii. Additional Revenue/ Townwide PTO contribution (Rainbow Run)
 1. This year we have \$40+ that we have earned and will be voting to allocate the funds to potentially two or three big playground pieces.
6. Upcoming Fundraisers/ Events:.
 - i. Movie Night? There will not be a movie night this spring as we don't have a projector/sound system to host it.

- iv. Mr. Grace Stay and Play, May 4th
- v. Passive Fundraising
 - 1. Already in progress: Minted, Pixie Lane
 - a. Will get Minted check in June
 - 2. Mabel's Labels – set up in May for camp and keep running throughout the summer
 - a. They have labels for different items and clothing and 20% would go back to the school
 - 3. Gift card fundraiser – Scrips – Do we want to do this or wait?
 - a. There would be a list of stores where if you bought a gift card then a percentage of that would go back to the school.
 - b. These would be from national/approved vendors like Target or Amazon.
 - c. A parent friend did this at their school and it was very successful.
- vi. Memorial Art Show/ Food Trucks – June 1
 - 1. Chubbs will definitely be there and we have been talking with Ribpublic and maybe the hotdog man
 - 2. Raffle for scratch tickets
- vii. The Bubble Man – Kelly B.
 - 1. May 26th he will do multiple shows so each grade gets to see
- viii. A lot of room parent asks and PTO asks come at the same time at the beginning of the year (for teacher class gift) so it may make more sense to make it clearer next year so people know where they are contributing.
 - 1. In Dover they tied it to St. Patrick's Day and everyone who had donated got a Shamrock on the wall of acknowledgment of their donation. "You ShamROCK."
 - 2. Maybe the room parents can hold off on asking for the parents for gift money when it's closer to the holidays.

NEXT MEETING: May TBD specific day but will be at the school