

Memorial PTO Meeting

March 3, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Alena Guerra, Michelle Kirkby, Diana Frascella, Katherine Weisse, Kelly Behbehani, Dr. Bilsborough

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Recent Events

a. Valentine's Day Parties and Party in a Bag - recap/debrief

- i. Valentine's Day parties were successful, but there was parent confusion about the party in a bag vs. the bag to bring home Valentines. Maybe we could use the word mailbox to describe the Valentine bags next year? Also, many people sent in candy with Valentines even though they were asked not to.

3. Upcoming initiatives and events

a. Upcoming Townwide Fundraisers - FYI

- i. Rib Republic - dinner March 7th
- ii. Shamrock T-shirts
- iii. Sponsorship of favors for Design Your Learning Day

b. Painting w/Patti Allen - March 26th -

- i. Patti is happy to do the fundraiser on 3/26. Kelly will circle up with her to decide on a time (we think 10:30-11), and a theme.

c. Cookie decorating Part 2?

- i. Kelly will follow up with Jamie. There are also other bakers we could ask (Eileen W. or a HS girl from Walpole).

d. Other fundraising ideas

- i. Katherine suggested a playdough kit fundraiser. We all think it's a great idea! Katherine will follow up with the woman in Canton who makes the kits.

e. Kindergarten T-Shirts

- i. Diana will confirm that Courtney Roche is in charge of the t-shirts. Field Day date is not set yet, but Dr. Bilsborough thinks it will be the first or second week of June. We need t-shirts back in time for field day.

4. Principal's Report

- a. Staff is trying to figure out how to get things back that were sent home: Ipads and the "Go" Bags (bags with math manipulatives, etc.)
- b. Preschool needs to replace Yoga mats, and some classrooms need new clear desk dividers that do not have borders. PTO is happy to help pay for both. Dr. Bilsborough will let us know if she needs funds from us. She is also working with a group of parent volunteers who are helping with return to school stuff.
- c. Update on return to school
 - i. In-person is going well! The kids, teachers, and staff have all been so amazing and flexible. We are still working on the traffic piece, but things are improving each day.
- d. Kindergarten registration
 - i. Mail/drop-off registration went very smoothly. Maybe we will keep it like this next year. 186 kids registered for kindergarten (171 full day and 15 half-day). There will be 8 full day classes and 1 am half-day and 1 pm half-day. There will not be a selection process. There is currently a waitlist for full day.
 - ii. Preschool registration: The currently enrolled families registered and there was a selection process for the 4-full day class. New family registration starts on March 11th, and there will most likely be a selection process for all classes.

5. Planning for Next Year

- a. Open committee roles
 - i. Diana will email the volunteer list to see who wants to stay on and put open positions into the Thursday email. We will vote on the new kindergarten co-president and vice-president position in May. We have 2 people that are interested.
- b. Transition Day
 - i. Will be on the agenda for the May meeting. We are not sure what Transition Day will look like yet. Michelle can speak about PTO at either Transition Day or Parent Information Night.

6. Treasurer's Report and Budget Review

- a. Money in this month: contributions to teacher Thank-You Funds

- b. Money out this month: money from Thank-You Funds given to teachers, and money to reimburse room parents for class parties.
 - c. We have \$1200 allotted to a pandemic relief fund, so PTO is happy to help support teachers and staff at Memorial in any way that we can.
- 7. Upcoming Meetings (Wednesdays) -all meetings via Zoom
 - a. Wed. May 5 -We will vote on new positions.