

January PTO Meeting

1/6/2020

Attendees: Linda Krug, Moira McDade, Lisa Fico, Kristin Bohlin, Melissa Mack, Jenn Fallon

Executive Board

1. Jan 16th All School PTO meeting 9-10:30am

Panel: School committee and school administration

PTO needs to make sure cafeteria is still available.

Need to come up with an agenda & some questions to get the panel started.

Confirm who Mark is bringing:

Mark, guidance, SRO, all department heads, two vice principals

2. 8th grade committee - Need to check in with this committee to see how they are doing.

3. Remaining PTO meetings for the year

June Book Fair - Don't want it to be last week of school like last year.

Perhaps a topic could be Challenge Success?

4. PTO Boston meeting - Tuesday January 14th 6-8pm (need to confirm)

Confirm location - Shelbourne Community Center, 2730 Washington Street, Roxbury

5. 5th grade parent workshop

PTO needs to help guidance find 8 parents to be on the panel.

Does guidance find the kids?

Co-Presidents buy gift cards at holidays and VP's buy gift cards at the end of the year for the custodians and front office.

End of year remember to provide gift to crossing guards

Meeting with Dr. Ito

1. January 16th PTO Panel

Theme - Wellness, seed if health, tech and nursing can attend

- PTO asked Mark to confirm lineup, he thinks we coordinate lineup.

Lisa to check with Joelle to see if she is coordinating lineup.

Might not get two assistant principals, will work to get dept head, SRO and Mark

2. Remainder of PTO meetings

- June book fair

- Challenge success meeting - Trying to look for a way to incorporate into an all school PTO meeting

Lisa asked if Mark had any ideas, perhaps bringing in the high school group? Family engagement is a goal.

There is another Challenge Success meeting in January - will make goal of that meeting to talk about WMS meeting.

Mark will reach out to Marc Bender to see if they do anything about family engagement.

3. 5th grade parent workshop

Moira and presidents will take the lead on coordination.

Last year it was 5 parents, do we really need 8?

Mark said Kate Mahoney asked for 8, we will check with her to see if we really need 8.

It would be good to try to get a METCO parent on the panel.

Mark will call Jamie and or Doreen to see what is going on.

4. PTO Boston Meeting

PTO is waiting for an email back from Doreen, Kalise used to facilitate and this will be Doreen's first one.

Lisa asked Connie if she had any feedback.

Last year there was a gift card for the METCO meeting, it was for dinner for the WMS staff who attended the meeting.

We will reimburse Mark for the full amount if it ends up happening, it has not happened in the last few years.

5. Science Room Closed

There was a smell that wasn't going away & that couldn't be located.

State came in and did inspection as well as fire department.

Town made decision to run another test and they said there is a leak into the room from 4 of the drain stations.

Sinks are still hooked to venting systems.

Mark Ito

1. WEF Grants are due this week - one that WMS is submitting is about the library.

The library would like to order some new tables that can be easily moved around for students - the cost is about \$12,000

He thought to break up into two groups (\$5k & \$6k) - the PTO will pay \$6,500 and principal will ask WEF for the \$5,500.

- The old chairs will be sold off or go to Fiske basement.

2. Chinese New Year - the price of dragon went up to \$525.

Should Mark take the money out of his budget or should it take it out of the Chinese New Year budget of \$1500?

Mark will take it out of his classroom enrichment budget.

3. CAS - There are two authors - Kwame Alexander &

Want Jerry Crapp to come in February and its \$3000 - can those funds be diverted?

Need to get more feedback from parent volunteer running it - Adriana Bertucci

4. Professional Development

Last year it was \$17,500 and principal used \$15,000.

PTO asked what he is expecting for this year in addition to the \$7000 that came in over the summer?

He is not sure now as he not gotten proposals yet from the teachers, he gets most asks in the summer.

District was not able to give much professional development money in this year's budget.

Lisa said give from this years money for last summer's and ask for more money later as needed.