

Pocasset Elementary School PTO

Meeting Minutes  
December 6, 2017

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Meeting called to order by PTO President, Jocelyn Sherman, 6:5pm

Officers in attendance:

Jocelyn Sherman, Marissa Conley, Jennifer Joslyn and Stacey Ouellette

School Personnel:

Teachers: Ms. LaFleur

Parent Attendance:

Star H., Shannon D., Jennifer M., Jennifer H., Michelle F., Jenn W., Vicki S., Sarah C.,  
Danielle H., Melissa B., Michael B., Kathryn H., Christie P., David P.

Childcare provided by Maryann D. with assistance from Tiverton Middle School  
Volunteers

**Principal's Report:**

**Mrs. Reilly was unable to attend due to an emergency administration meeting.**

- On Friday, December 8, 2017, the NED Show assembly will be at the school. Yoyo's will be available for sale the following week. The assembly is free if the school agrees to sell yoyo's. The school is not required to sell a certain number of yoyo's.
- December 21, 2017, the entire school will be going to Tiverton High for the Christmas concert. Afterwards, a teacher's luncheon is held from 12-115pm. Staff will be ordering from Sakonnet Grille. Volunteers to supervise classrooms are still needed.

**President's Report:**

- Last week, the elementary school PTO's got together for a meeting. The other schools are impressed with the parent participation our school has. It was discussed that towards the end of the year a social event be held for all fourth graders.
- Labels for education has been extended until the 31<sup>st</sup>. The school does not get money but teachers are able to purchase items from a catalog.
- The school has already earned \$100 from the Shoparoo app.
- First grade in collecting new blankets and bears until 12/15 for local children's hospital.

**Treasurer:**

- The fall fundraiser cleared \$6521.61
- The book fair cleared \$1014.84. This book fair is growing each year.
- We will incur minor expenses for the Breakfast with Santa. Last year, the party cost \$350. Tablecloths have been purchased for the party.
- The yearbook deposit has been made.

**Vice Presidents Report:**

- Providence Bruins night is on December 9<sup>th</sup>. As of today, 60 people are expected to be in attendance.
- We will be booking February's P. Bruins night. The group preferred February 11<sup>th</sup>, which gives students a stadium cup.
- It was suggested that Michael DeCotis speak with his contact about possible discount for Disney on Ice. Mr. DeCotis agreed to look into it.
- VP has yet to hear back from Savers regarding their fundraiser. It was discussed to explore this for Spring time. The middle school is currently doing this fundraiser.

**Secretary:**

- November Minutes were emailed to Mrs. Reilly on November 27, 2017.
- BOKS had a successful fall run. We are looking for more parent volunteers to assist in the Spring schedule.

**Box Tops:**

- The school should be receiving the Fall check soon.
- It is encouraged that parents also use the Box Top app for additional fundraising opportunities.
- Lysol currently has a great offer. If you purchase ten items at dollar store you receive 100 extra bonus box tops.
- Parents should be aware that some box tops are expiring on 12/1/2017, and those should be submitted as soon as possible.
- New collection sheets will be sent home soon.
- The coordinator has received some box tops that have no name or teacher listed.

**Recap:**

- Buddy Bench: If not this Friday, the DPW will be installing the bench sometime after next Wednesday. Placement of the bench was discussed. PTO will be paying for the cement. DPW intends to remove the metal bench and replace it with our bench. Mr. Paull will make himself available during the installation to assess placement.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Santa will be visiting on December 15<sup>th</sup> for our annual Breakfast with Santa. Parents will purchase food in the cafeteria. Parent, Tina Costa has volunteered to be our photographer for the night. In lieu of raffle baskets, raffle tickets will be available for 3 Fingerlings and a Teddy Ruxpin. Tickets will be sold for \$5 each or 5/\$20. All activities will take place in the gymnasium. There will be a candy cane game, reindeer food, letters to Santa and the Santa Shoppe.
- Santa Shoppe will be held in school library on December 14 and 15. It will also be set up during Breakfast with Santa. Smencils will also be sold. Samples of Smencils were passed around during the meeting.
- Foxwoods Bus Trip. The date is currently March 10<sup>th</sup>. Viking was unable to provide April dates at this time, but could in January. A \$200 deposit has been made. The bus will cost \$880 with gratuity and holds up to 56 people. Each ticket will cost \$40 per person.
- Snowflake Ball will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The DJ and photo booth have been booked.
- The team will be actively working on the yearbook starting in January.
- Color Run has been booked for June 8<sup>th</sup>. It will need to be confirmed with Ms. Reilly if it will be combined with field day.
- Souper Bowl Fundraiser will begin January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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Meeting adjourned at 730pm

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