

Pocasset Elementary School PTO

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2018

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Meeting called to order by PTO President, Jocelyn Sherman, 6:15pm

Officers in attendance:

Jocelyn Sherman, Marissa Conley, Jennifer Joslyn and Stacey Ouellette

School Personnel:

Principal Deanne Reilly

Teachers: Ms. Azevedo, Ms. Edwards

Parent Attendance:

Angela M., Tina R., Catherine S., Carrie D., Kathryn H., Star H., Mike B., Melissa B.,  
Brooke S., Jenn W., Danielle H., Christie P., Dave P., and Mike D.

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

**Principal's Report:**

- The luncheon was a success and teacher's had an amazing time. Ms. Reilly covered office as we were one volunteer short. The staff thanks the PTO for their continued support
- Breakfast with Santa was a success. First Student decorated a bus again for this event. First Student only provides this even for the Pocasset School. They plan on continuing this tradition.
- The URI assembly was fantastic. They provided hats, towels and tickets for students. An essay contest will be held and the winning student's class will receive a special prize.
- CORE starts February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Survey Works is a state survey that will be conducted by parents and students. The survey should take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Grades 3 and 4 will also be taking a survey. All schools in town will be completing the survey.

**President's Report:**

- URI assembly was a huge success and children thoroughly enjoyed it. More information to come on the essay contest. The children had a great time dancing with the team. Children received vouchers for game on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer:**

- Breakfast with Santa profited \$29.64.
- The Santa Shop profited \$748.46.
- The account has a current balance of \$8000.
- The school received the Box Tops check today.
- There has been a request for additional accordion seating. Bean bag seating is not holding up, as the insides seem to be deflating.
- The Labels for Education program is ending but we have credits to shop from their catalog with. Ms. Reilly suggests balls.

**Vice Presidents Report:**

- Providence Bruins night will be on 2/11. This is an afternoon game.
- Pennies for Patients. Collection will be from March 5<sup>th</sup> through March 23. There is an option for online fundraising. A video can also be shown to students about why Pennies for Patients is important.

**Secretary:**

- December Minutes are posted.

**Box Tops:**

- The check was received and deposited today.
- The winter competition is ending this Friday.
- The winning class will be announced on Tuesday.
- As of today, a total of 1,600 have been submitted and Mr. Deblois' class is in the lead.
- Ms. Goetz's class is still in need to scheduling a pizza party from the first competition.

**Recap/Old Business:**

- Santa Shoppe: One parent expressed not being happy with what her child purchased. She felt that he spent a lot of money of cheap items. It was discussed to have a preview on Facebook next year. Also suggested were photos of purchasable items being emailed to parents. President can have conversation with Peter about sending more sports affiliated and family gifts next year.
- Breakfast with Santa: All parents received the pictures of their family or child with Santa. A recommendation was to have the event a week earlier as less were in attendance this year, although weather may have played a factor. Parents had positive feedback about the fast pass for the photo with Santa.
- Recess Supervision: We had 20 parent volunteers. All positive feedback was received.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Souper Bowl Fundraiser went out. All donations will go to the shelter. The deadline for tally is January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Snowflake Ball will be on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The students have been decorating halls with snowflakes they have been making. We will follow up with parent Liz C. about availability of lights as we borrowed last year. The photo booth and DJ have been secured.
- Mr. Decotis will follow up with his contact about the P. Bruins for February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Foxwoods Bus Trip. The date is currently April 7<sup>th</sup>. A \$200 deposit has been made. Each ticket will cost \$40 per person. The bus will leave the school at 5pm and return at midnight. Final payment is due 3/24/18.
- 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 be combined with Field Day.
- Buddy Bench will need to be installed in the spring.

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Meeting adjourned at 730pm

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