

Pocasset Elementary School PTO

Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2017

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:

Teachers: Ms. Moreira

Parent Attendance:

Tina R., Sarah C., Vicki S., Angela M., Amy P., Dave P., Jenn W., Brooke S., Danielle H., Star H., Michael B., Melissa B.

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

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Reilly was unable to attend but provided an update that was presented by PTO President Sherman.

- The school was featured in an article in the Newport Daily News.
- The Halloween Bash was a great success. The DJ did an excellent job.
- Any upcoming November events are listed on the Tiverton School Department's website in the school's calendar.
- The owner of neighboring restaurant Family Ties was upset about the parents utilizing his parking lot during after hour school events. He reached out to the Superintendent to address his concerns. Parents should not be parking in his lot at any time.

President's Report:

- A URI Men's Basketball assembly is in the works. The team is trying to commit to giving the school a two week notice. In addition to the assembly, players are interested in going into the classrooms to speak to the student's and possibly have project completed.

Treasurer:

- The Halloween Bash profited \$458.29. A very similar amount as last year's bash. Phil's Propane donated funds for the photo booth. Newport Propane donated funds for the DJ and Quonset Farm donated the pumpkins in the Pumpkin Patch.
- Famous Pizza supported the school with a great rate on pizza's for the event.

- \$408 has been raised for Kolter Elementary in Texas.
- We have received \$256.27 from Shoparoo.
- Clements receipts have provided \$107.25.
- We do not yet have a total raised from Fall Fundraiser. Mixed Bags will be arrived next week and the cookies around the 14th.

Vice Presidents Report:

- Crazy Hat day will be on November 9th. The school is asking for a \$1 donation which will be going to the Kolter School's Hurricane Relief fund.
- Providence Bruins. Michael DeCotis has been in touch with his contact. The cost will be \$12 per ticket. Potential dates will be December 8th or 9th. The group preferred a Saturday night event.
- Savers in Fall River offers a fundraiser that will be explored. They offer 10cents per pound for household goods and 20 cents per pound of clothing.

Box Tops:

- As of yesterday 13,452 box tops have been submitted. This will give the school \$1,342. This collection is from summer through yesterday.
- New visual reminders will be sent home with students.
- The bulletin board will be updated to reflect new competition. Each class will have a mug and for every 50 box tops, a marshmallow will be added to their cup.

Recap:

- It was suggested the tickets be sold for food items instead of cash at the food station. The idea will be explored for Breakfast with Santa.
- Buddy Bench: The DPW will be installing. The PTO will be paying for the cement. Due to recent storm damage, the DPW is overloaded and the bench will not be installed until Thanksgiving time. David Paull will look into accuracy of location for the bench.
- Fuel Up to Play 60 was presented by Michael DeCotis. He has emailed Ms. Cornell and previous school nurse McDonald. He indicated that he has been given the go ahead to run with this program. It needs to be explored whether a grant was written for the program. He will follow up with Mrs. Reilly.
- Babysitting Night: This idea was discussed. Possible barriers include possibly requiring a person who is first aid/cpr trained; will we be able to secure enough volunteers. This event will require further research.

Upcoming Events:

- Book Fair: No delivery confirmation date has been established. The theme is Wild Wild West and the fair will be set up in hallway outside of the library.

There will be a preview day for children. The fair will also be open during parent teacher conferences.

- Santa will be visiting on December 15th for our annual Breakfast with Santa. Ideas including arts and crafts, face painting, reindeer food, and letters to Santa were discussed. It was also discussed providing a ticket with a time for each child's photo with Santa.
- Foxwoods Bus Trip. Dates for the event were discussed. Last year, we used Viking Tours. The bus will cost \$880 with gratuity and holds up to 56 people. Each ticket will cost \$40 per person.

Miscellaneous:

- Yearbook: The yearbook is due April 8th. Volunteers are need to assist with each classes page. The school's camera is in the office and is encouraged to be used while volunteering in the classes.
- Fourth grade DVD: Notices will be sent out to parents.

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Meeting adjourned at 745pm

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