

## The West Newbury PTO Meeting 11/18/19

6:35 pm

### Acknowledgements and thank you

Thank you to all volunteers who donated their time to the PTO and Page School since our last meeting.

### People Present

- Janice Parrott
- Alison Graziano
- Dustin Gray
- Ashley Davis
- Courtney Lucey
- Linda Tufts
- Andrea Burton
- Jamie Sullivan
- Krista Niles
- Suki Wellen
- Heather Goodwin
- Lindsay Goff
- Kristen Shikes
- Michele Beegan
- Laurie Spielvogel

6:40 pm

### Approvals

- Suki Wellen made a motion to approve the October PTO meeting minutes and Krista Niles seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Ashley Davis went over the Treasurer's report.

7:15 pm

### The PTO approved the following appropriations:

- 1) Brainpop Junior for k-3 requested by Krista Niles. (\$175) It is a subscription to engaging learning games, animated movies and activities that cover all curriculum areas.
- 2) Elmo Document Camera requested by Paula Gray. (\$600) It will be used to project written material on the smartboard.
- 3) Ukeleles requested by Judy Manning. (\$550)
- 4) Geodes texts requested by Tiffany Picanco. (\$2150) They will be used to provide students additional practice with the skills that they learn in Fundaitions.
- 5) Classroom library rack with book and binder bins requested by Amy Amico. (\$402.02). She has up to 28 literary students daily and will use the two carts to store book bins for her 1st and 2nd graders.

7:25 pm

### Committee and Event Updates

#### Halloween Happenings - Laurie Spielvogel

Laurie was very pleased with how all of the events went. Knapps donated decorations and would be happy to do so again. We had 66 pumpkins entered into the pumpkin decorating contest. Krista Niles suggested a teacher pumpkin decorating contest for next year where kids vote. Mr. Gray judged the door decorating contest this year and that went well. We talked about holding the "fall into a good book night" during the halloween happenings week next year. That way, parents could see the decorated doors and decorated pumpkins. Mr. Gray had a Halloween costume swap idea where parents could donate old costumes by a certain date and then we could sell them for \$5/each.

#### Lion King - Krista Niles

Shows will be held on November 22nd at 7pm and November 23rd at 11am. Ashley Davis did a pre-sale for tickets and as of today (one week before the show), we've sold 80 % of the tickets. This week, kids will be rehearsing at the middle school.

#### Penguin Patch - Jamie Sullivan, Mary Tamez-Foley and Brooke Lear

Students will have an opportunity to shop the penguin patch holiday store from December 9th-13th. There are new items! Shopping hours will be 10:30-1:30. Volunteers are needed to help students shop and manage the cash registers.

**Holiday Party and Holiday Helper - Jamie Sullivan**

Brooke is coordinating holiday helper. She is still waiting for children's wish lists but we are buying for 20 children. All gifts are due on 12/13 and will be delivered to Amesbury by 12/15. The holiday helper handout will go out this week.

**Square One - Suki Wellen**

Forms have gone out and orders are due this Friday.

**Cultural Arts - Heather Goodwin****Whole School Programs:**

- 1) Geography Game Show – Neal Nichols came on Thursday, 11/14/19
- 2) Johnny The K – John Kelleher will be coming for 2 sessions K-4 and 5-6 on 12/6/19
- 3) Amazing Hero Art – Rob Surette will be coming on Friday, 1/17/20 at 9:00AM
- 4) Author visit by Michelle Nelson-Schdmit is being scheduled for March 2020

**1st, 2nd and 3rd:**

- 1st - Mass Audubon - Heredity - Walk on school grounds: Thursday, June 4, 2020
- 2nd - Mass Audubon - Land and Water – Tuesday, November 5, 2019
- 3rd - Plymouth Plantation presentation was held for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes
- 3rd - Mass Audubon – Wetland bugs (metamorphosis) – June 3, 2020 at Mill Pond Recreation

**2nd:**

Museum Of Science – Animal Habitats – Monday, 6/1/20

**Change is Simple** – Patrick Belmonte – need to discuss with Mr. Gray; may have them attend a Page teacher staff meeting to explain concept and New England Biolabs financial match program

**Ski Club - Linda Tufts**

We currently have 52 kids signed up. Registration will be opened until just before Thanksgiving.

**ASAP - Janice Parrott**

Starting the week of 1/6 and running 6 sessions until the week of 2/10 except Mondays and Tuesdays which will end the week of 2/24.

**Boosterthon - Janice Parrott**

This week-long fundraiser will be held from March 11th-20th.

**7:30 pm****New Business**

We currently do not have any volunteers to run the holiday party this year and the auction in Spring 2021.

**7:33 pm****Principal's Report**

- 1) We need volunteers for tasting tuesdays.
- 2) MCAS - parents can see district scores on the Department of Education website under profiles. We went over the 2019 Accountability Report for the Page School. Our accountability percentile is 63%, meaning that is where our school stands overall in comparison to all other elementary schools in the state.

**7:41 pm****Adjournment**

Suki Wellen made a motion to adjourn and Jamie Sullivan seconded the motion. All were in favor.