

North Beverly PTO Meeting Minutes April 6, 2017

Attendance ~ Kristen Riordan, Matt Riordan, Kaarin Robinson, Sarah McKenna, Karen Kingston, Jill Pelletier, Colleen McGeown, Lyn Towne-Smith, Lisa McGoldrick, Diana Wallhorn, Joanna Scott, Megan Ventura, Ann Wilder, Deb Campos, Sandy Williams, Cindy Feliciano, Kathleen Feldman, Jodi Fryling, Denise Orlando, Lorinda Visnick, Jen Fowler, Kristine Murray

President's Report ~ Matt Riordan

• Support Our Stars Auction

- Thank you to everyone who came to the Auction
- Thank you to Kelly Preull, Janna Maloblocki, the other committee members as well as the volunteers who organized and helped make the auction a great success
- We raised approximately \$13,000

• 5th grade play

- Thank you to Mrs. Stewart and the other teachers who helped organize the play
- DVDs have been ordered and should be in sometime next week
- The bake sale ~ thank you to all who made donations and all who volunteered to help out
- \$450 was raised for the 5th grade class

• Roller Palace

- Was a huge success. Thank you to all who helped put on the event
- The bake sale and 50/50 raised approximately \$250

• Red Sox night

- scheduled for Friday June 9th.
- order forms came home in back pack mail this week
- 150 tickets are reserved at this time and tickets are \$25 each
- Tickets are on a first come first serve basis and the seats are in the upper bleachers

• Directory Update

- Krisie Brown will roll out the "My School" Application during April or May. She wants to have someone shadow her and learn how to do the directory b/c she is unable to keep this role next year. If you are interested please contact Krisie Brown or let one of us know.

• North Beverly scholarship

- Currently it says it is only offered to Beverly High School students. We have been asked to open it up to Essex Tech students but we are looking to have a vote on whether we should open it up to other high school students or should we keep it open to only Beverly HS. Fall Frolic and Briscoe scholarships already have the wording to include students at Essex Tech or Beverly HS.
- Kristen is going to research what the other elementary schools do and we will vote on it at the next meeting.

• Open PTO board positions for next year

- President, Vice President, Secretary
- These positions are a 2 year commitment
- Each position can be shared
- Come see us if you are interested or if you have any questions
- Nominations paperwork is going home in backpack mail this week and have to be back to school by 4/28

• Treasurers report ~ Matt Riordan & Jill Pelletier

- current balance is approximately \$26,500

- **VP report ~ Kaarin Robinson & Sarah McKenna**
- **Cash Calendars**
 - daily all cash pay outs
 - we are asking each family to sell at least 10 calendars
 - we raised approximately \$850 from sponsors for the calendar
 - Special thank you to every business and family who sponsored a day on the calendar
 - we can sell the calendars online through pay pal this year
 - if you sell 11 or more calendars you will be entered in a raffle to win a night at Great Wolf
 - if we make \$15,000 or more kids will get extra recess
 - The class that sells the most will get a pizza party
- **Acapulcos Night**
 - Scheduled for 4/27. It is a 5th grade fundraiser.
 - we got permission to sell the calendars at the Acapulcos night.

Community Outreach ~ Kristine Murray

- **Coin Drive**
 - We had a successful coin drive for the Northeast Animal Shelter
 - We raised \$2000 for the animal shelter and gathered a bin of things that we donated
 - Our donation made us a sponsor and we now have a brick with North Beverly's name on it at the shelter
 - The kindergarten was the winning grade, but we decided to give popsicles to the entire school.
 - The kindergarten also got special bracelets for being the winning grade
- **Claude**
 - We need to raise \$360 to send Claude to school in Haiti. Claude is 10 years old now. We have been sponsoring his education for a few years. We will have a "crazy day of kindness day for Claude". It will be on the Friday before Memorial Day weekend. Kids can wear crazy hair, crazy hat, crazy shirt, crazy socks. Whatever they want to wear that is "crazy".
- **Memorial Day**
 - **Flagging** ~ Date to be decided
 - **Memorial Day program** ~ Seniors have been invited to come watch the school Memorial Day performance

STEAM ~ Joanna Murphy Scott

- STEAM committee needs more volunteers
- each committee member is looking for a new K-2nd grade parent to join the committee to help with the programs
- if you are interested please contact Joanna Murphy Scott

Enrichment Update

- The 5th grade is having Salem Coastal Sound at the end of April
- In May we will have lots of programs like the Fitness Festival and the Geography Game Show.
- April is light on activities due to MCAS testing

Fitness Festival 5K ~ Colleen McGeown

- We are looking for new committee members as well as volunteers for the day of the race.
- Matt Riordan will ask high school students to volunteer for the day of the race, but we will also need some parent volunteers to assist on the day of the event.
- Race Day is going to be Sunday, May 21st

Citywide PTO

- They had a Parent Education Seminar featuring Dr. Ryan Plosker, the Executive Director and Founder of New England Academy. He spoke of the rise of social and emotional disabilities in children. Dr. Plosker has agreed to come back next year to speak on trauma.

Room Parent Support ~ Karen Kingston

- The Yearbook committee is looking for pictures for classroom pages and other pages. Please see Mrs. Browns previous emails to learn how to submit your photos or see Colleen McGeown or any other yearbook committee members. We are happy to give you any email addresses for various pages in the yearbook.

5th Grade fundraising ~ Joanna Murphy Scott

- Our Acapulcos night is coming up on 4/27
- There may be a popsicle afternoon sometime soon
- Parents will meet with teachers after April vacation to determine the end of year events for the 5th graders.

School Committee Report ~ Lorinda Visnick

- School committee is looking for suggestions on names for the new middle school
- submit your name requests by next Friday to Chris Silverstein
- April 26th is the meeting to discuss and vote on the new name for middle school
- April 25th is the next middle school building committee meeting
- There is a community committee made up of approximately 20 people from across our community who meet and follow what is going on with the new middle school. The group has limited input but they do have some input on what happens with the school.
- Once the school opens the 5th and 6th grade classes will have 2 teacher teams.
- Budget season is happening now and there is a budget meeting open to the public on May 10th
- Budget information will be available online before May 10th for review
- May 16th is the scheduled budget vote

Principal's Report ~ Erin Brown

- MCAS started this week for 4th grade
- 5th Grade MCAS begin next week, with 3rd grade testing beginning the week after vacation.
- There will then be a week off. 5th grade math testing will then resume with 3rd and 4th grade happening the week after
- 20 staff members rode buses one morning and surprised students at their bus stops.
- Positive Post It Note day was today. Students and teachers wrote notes to people in the school who are important to them.
- A group of teachers are working together to come up with some other ideas to surprise the students before the end of the year.

New Business / Open Floor

- Costume swap idea was brought up for next year before Halloween
- 5th graders went to the state finals for the Destination Imagination competition

The next PTO meeting is May 18, 2017.