

**North Beverly PTO meeting minutes**  
**January 18, 2017**  
**North Beverly Library**

**Attendance** ~ Kristen Riordan, Matt Riordan, Karen Kingston, Colleen McGeown, Kaarin Robinson, Sarah Mckenna, Ann Wilder, Jen Fowler, Claudia Conway, Deb Campos, Jodi Frying, Stephanie Jacobson, Megan Ventura Grutta, Anthony Grutta, Sandy Williams, Janna Maloblocki, Diana Harrison, Chris Malagrida, Kathleen Feldman, John O'Connor, Glenna Terwilliger, Joel Belmonte, Scott Smith

**President's Report** ~ Welcome & Introduction - Matt Riordan

- Introduced all of the PTO board members
- Art Fair ~ Thank you to Kristine Murray, Heather Johnston, Joanna Murphy Scott and all of the volunteers who made this such a fun and successful evening. Thank you for all of your hard work organizing the event.
- Reading Festival ~ is next week and will begin with the Book Fair followed by the author visit on Thursday night. The author is Brian Lies
- Magic Show ~ Saturday, Feb. 11th from 3-5pm @ Beverly High School. We will be sending flyers home in backpack mail to all Elementary School kids. Tickets will be sold for \$10/each
- Move up Night at Briscoe for 5th graders will be tomorrow, Thursday Jan. 19th.
  
- PTO board needs new board members to serve 2017-2019 school years.
  - we need new President, Vice President & Secretary
  - positions can be shared between 2 people
  - The term is 2 years for every position
  - Nomination paperwork will be going home in backpack mail
  - It's a great way to get involved

**Treasurer Report** ~ Matt Riordan

- \$16,500 is the current balance
- We didn't do a big fall fundraiser, but did the direct donation
- Direct donation & popcorn raised \$7000 in 2016
- Direct donation in 2017 raised \$4000
- Box Tops ~ \$1127 check was sent out to us in December 2016

**CityWide PTO** ~ Amy Crafton

- School Committee budget priorities are
  1. New labor attorney
  2. social emotional support for students
  3. staff levels at middle school
- There was a vote on a raise for Dr. Hiersche
- There is increased concern in the schools regarding Social Emotional Issues
- Looking for a speaker to discuss resources, warning signs. Possible a speaker from New England Academy

\$22,000 golf tournament for High School  
Direct donation  
New Principal will be voted on in the spring

• **School Roundtable @ Citywide PTO**

- Centerville Fall Fundraising
- Charleston Wrap \$6700; Craft Market \$6400; Square1 Art \$1900; Gymja \$100
  
- Hannah
- 2nd annual fall festival (games, dance, scavenger hunt); Repeat Bingo night with pizza and bake sale
- Enrichment "Science by Scientists" real scientists from Cell Signaling come every other Wednesday to do real science with the students
  
- Ayers
- Family Fun Night run by HS peer leaders ~ preregister, drop off kids for activities, movies, crafts, pizza, cookie and drink
  
- Highschool
- Raised over \$22,000 from golf tournament
- direct donation raised \$4000
- Implemented a Teacher Wish List with an online application process
- New Principal will be voted on in the spring by a panel
  
- Briscoe
- Elf Movie
- Band had a winter concert and the chorus performed at the Senior Center
- 7th grade ~ A Christmas Carol @ NSMT
- New Middle School "cub" logo contest deadline was 1/3/17

**Change is Simple** ~ Amy Crafton

- T-shirt competition will be Going out to all of the schools
- They will be using social media to help promote the competition

**Vice President Report** ~ Kaarin Robinson & Sarah Mckenna

- We may try to do another direct donation in the spring
- Cash calendars in May so we are looking for donations to add to the calendar
- We are planning a few restaurant nights @ Acapulcos, Bertuccis, Chipotle

**Auction / Adult night out** ~ Janna Maloblocki

- March 11th, Saturday night @ the ICC
- Scaling back on the auctions and having it be more of a raffle night
- First Meeting will be Monday night 1/23
- There will probably be 1 mini live auction (7 or 8 big ticket items)
- Balloon raffle, Wine raffle (52 card format) and 5 bigger size raffle items
- Tickets will be \$15 each

- 134 tickets sold in 2015

### **Community Outreach Update** ~ Kristine Murray sent notes

- Polar Plunge is Sunday, Feb. 5th
  - Mr. C & Mr. A are the captains of the Putnam Street Penguins team
  - There will be a trophies for the school that raises the most money and/or has the biggest team
  - You can register online on the NB Facebook Page
- Valentines for seniors ~ every year we have kids make Valentines for the local Senior Center, Nursing Homes and facilities in town
- Next Big Event will involve a campaign (maybe coin drive) for Northeast Animal Shelter and North Shore Pet Pantry ~ more details to come
- If anyone wants to help with Community Outreach please reach out to Kristine Murray

### **Enrichment Coordinator** ~ Notes were sent

- 2nd grade will have a Native American perspective visit on 1/25/17. They will be setting up tepees and learning about Native American life.
- Reading Festival ~ Author Brian Lies will come on 1/26/17.
  - Every grade will have read one of the author's five books. He will have five sessions during the day and an evening performance. During each in school session he will be discussing the book each grade read. He will also talk about how he writes and illustrates. He will create and illustration at every session
  - Family session will be @ 6:30 in the music room on 1/26/17
- 4th graders will be working with the Boston Opera in February thanks to Amy Crafton

### **Room Parent Support** ~ Karen Kingston

- If you have anything that needs to be sent out to room parents let Karen Kingston know

### **School Committee**

- School Committee meeting was tonight 1/18/17
- Members were unable to attend out meeting

### **Principal's Report** ~ Erin Brown

- Kindness project ~ Students will be doing something with Animal shelter during a morning meeting
- There may be someone coming in to talk to the kids
- During morning meetings teachers have been talking to kids about what it means to be nice... how does it feel to the person you are being nice to, but also to the person being nice
- MCAS schedule is coming out this Sunday for grades 3, 4 & 5

- There is a new reading assessment called RAPID and it is connected with the Lexia program
  - it assesses students and gives the teachers real time results
  - teachers review the results and determine how students are doing and what progress they are making.. This will help them determine who needs extra enrichment or assistance

### **Teacher Report** ~ Joel Belmonte

- It was great to come back to school after vacation
- Teachers resisted responsive classroom and reminded children of expectations, routines and classroom rules
- Teachers are reinforcing kindness during morning meeting and closing circles each day
- The kids are excited about the reading festival and book fair
- This year reading festival will be a little different.. There will be handprints throughout the hallways and kids can add stickers to the hands to show how much they are reading during the festival
- crazy hair day is on Friday of this week 1/20/17
- There will also be a dress up as your favorite book character day

### **New Business / Open Floor**

- The Book Fair still has some open time slots that need to be filled
- Box Tops next submission will be March 1, 2017
  - Please be sure you don't send in any expired box tops b/c they will not be accepted
- Upcoming Science Fair ~ will be looking for volunteers to help out with set up, during Fair and clean up
- Also looking for parents to join a Science committee
- Book Brigade ~ Jody Freyling
  - Jody is looking for someone or a few people to take over the Book Brigade
  - There is a shelf full of books that need to be distributed
  - There are also used books that need to be distributed
  - If anyone is interested please contact PTO or Jody Freyling
- Online Directory ~ Krisie Brown
  - We signed up for a 60 day free trial for an online directory for students and parents.
  - Ayers Elementary has something very similar if not the same
  - We need some parents to try out the new directory and give us feedback on what they like/dislike

**NEXT PTO MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017 IN THE LIBRARY**

