

North Beverly PTO Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2017

Attendance ~ Kristen Riordan, Matt Riordan, Karen Kingston, Colleen McGeown, Jill Pelletier, Kaarin Robinson, Diana Adams, Stephanie Jacobson, Kristine Murray, Joanna, Jen Fowler, Ann Wilder, Kathleen Feldman, Paul Goodwin, Joel Belmonte, Glenna Terwilliger, Claudia Conway, Deb Campos, Sandy Williams

President's Report ~ Matt Riordan

- Last PTO meeting for the year

Scholarship

- North Beverly scholarship applications are due by May 23rd.
- See Diana Adams with any questions.
- Applications can be found in the office
- We will be giving out \$2000 again this year

Bake Sale

- The bake sale for the Lip Sync will be on May 30th
- We need someone to head up the bake sale and we also need volunteers to run it.
- Typically 2nd grade parents run the bake sale

Red Sox Night

- Red Sox night is June 9th
- We have the tickets and Matt will be delivering them sometime next week
- He does not want to put them in backpack mail to make sure they don't get lost

End of year picnic

- End of year picnic is on Friday, June 16th
- We are trying to schedule Knucklebones to come again
- We will get some food for the picnic (pizza and chicken fingers)

Goodbye's and Thank you's

- Erin Brown thank you for everything you do. Since there is no Principal appreciation day we want to acknowledge all that you do.
- To the outgoing 5th grade parents we want to thank you for all of your hard work and involvement through out the years. Joanna Murphy Scott, Amy Knott to name a few and we will speak to some other 5th grade parents who were not able to attend tonight.
- Thank you to some other parents who have organized and run things throughout the year and who are always willing to help out Natasha Ouelette, Diana Adams, Jen Fowler, Kristine Murray, Amy Crafton, Stephanie Jacobson
- Thank you also to Mr. Belmonte for coming to all of the meetings
- Thank you also to all of the board members

Announcing the New Executive Board for 2017-2018

- Treasurer ~ Jill Pelletier
- Secretary ~ Deb Campos and Sandy Williams
- VP ~ Paul Boudreau & Kaarin Robinson
- President ~ Amy Crafton & Karen Kingston

Treasurers report ~ Matt Riordan & Jill Pelletier

- current balance is approximately \$29,891

VP report ~ Kaarin Robinson

- Cash Calendar made almost \$10,000
- Many families sold more than 11 calendars
- Getting sponsors for the calendar helped and we will reach out for sponsors again next year
- Thank you to those of you who donated and sponsored calendar days

Community Outreach ~ Kristine Murray

Claude

- Next Friday we are going to have "Crazy Day"
- 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** ~ was yesterday at the cemetery and we had a great turn out
- **Memorial Day program** ~ We are trying to get some seniors to come watch the school Memorial Day performance which is next week. If you know of any nearby senior centers who may be interested please see Kristine Murray
- **Bootstrap donations** The week of June 5th will be Snack week. We are asking people to donate snack packs

Enrichment Update ~ Robyn Kaplan

- Mainly Stars will be bringing a portable planetarium to share with the 3rd grade on 5/19
- Neal Nichols will be bringing his Geography Game Show to the entire school. He will be running individual programs for every grade over a 2 day period. May 22 and May 23.
- Ellen Goethe will be educating the Kindergarten and 1st grade with her Explore the Ocean program on June 2nd.
- Fitness Festival ~ June 1st. We will be having 2 performances (K-2 and 2-5)
- Become your Dreams: History of Hip Hop dance
 - Tracing hip hop moves from the late 70's to today
 - This ensemble teaches positive messages including "Think it-Do it-Become It"

Fitness Festival 5K ~ Colleen McGeown & Karen Kingston

- You can still sign up online until tonight
- You can also sign up the morning of the race
- Race Day is going to be Sunday, May 21st

Field Day Natasha Ouelette

June 15th

volunteers needed and volunteer sheets will be going home in backpack mail next week once we have a rain date

Citywide PTO ~ Amy Crafton

- Change is Simple will be starting Wednesday hikes at the YMCA
- 90 minutes hikes in the woods
- Amy Crafton and Sharyn Anderson will not be doing Citywide PTO next year
- we need 2 new people to volunteer to do Citywide meetings next year
- There are approximately 6 meetings per year that you will need to attend.
- You can share this position between 2 people

Room Parent Support ~ Karen Kingston

- Thank you to all of the room parents for all of your handwork throughout the year
- Thank you for all that you did for teacher appreciation day
- Honor a Teacher forms are due in a few weeks
- Honor a teacher / staff member / coach
- \$10 or \$25 donation is a certificate or heart for the teachers
- parents can also send a letter in about the teacher and it will go in the teacher's district file

5th Grade fundraising ~ Joanna Murphy Scott

- There has been lots of fundraising this year.
- We just had a make your own grasshopper night that was a success
- fundraising is also in great shape
- There are lots of fun things planned to celebrate the 5th graders before they move on to Briscoe.

School Committee Report ~ Paul Goodwin

- Budget planning has been going on.
- School committee has asked superintendent for more money.
- They voted on trying to get \$230,000 more in the budget
- The Middle School has been named. They received hundreds of emails, recommendations and ideas on what to name the school, but they decided on "**Beverly Middle School**"
- 2 softball fields will be built at the "Pit" at the high school
- The high school track will be resurfaced

Principal's Report ~ Erin Brown

- This is the end of Mrs. Brown's 5th year being the principal at North Beverly
- Thank you to all of the parents and PTO
- Finishing up MCAS this week. It has been a long 6 weeks of testing.
- The kids have worked really hard during their testing
- 4th graders went to Endicott recently.
- There are lots of field trips planned for the end of the year.
- Teachers welcomed students at the front door today and had a little dance party in front of the school.

Mr. Belmonte

- His team worked on a lesson about the water cycle and weather.
- "What can we do to make it rain?"
- They came up with a really awesome lesson plan for the kids.
- They had plastic cups and little water bottles
- They heated up water and then made it cold over night and saw what condensation is.
- They added food coloring so they could see the changes
- They had a song to help kids remember how to make it rain

There were 7 teams of teachers who did different things throughout the school over the last few weeks. Each team had different lesson plans to teach. And the kids loved the lesson plans.

New Business / Open Floor

- Scholastic Book Fair in the front lobby again on June 7,8,9
- Yearbook went to print and you can order online or fill out the paper form

The next PTO meeting will be in the Fall of 2017