



FES PTO MEETING AGENDA

February 12, 2024

1. Principal's Report

1. The news has been shared through OneCall, tomorrow will be a snow day.
2. January book fair went well, kids love it.

2. Treasurer's Report

3. Closed December with \$81k, small January expenses: amazon purchases and music tshirts.

3. Updates & upcoming events

- **BINGO night**
 - We currently have a waiting list, we will be able to get quite a few families off the list after setting up the tables and chairs in the auditorium and seeing what the true capacity is.
 - This is our first shot at this, the response was overwhelming. We are thrilled by that and have already had some discussion about potentially doing two sessions or two nights next year.
- **Spring & Cookie Fundraiser**
 - Currently 34% of students are registered, \$8.5k in sales.
 - Pickup will be March 28th from 3:30-6:30.
 - Volunteers will be needed to organize and be there during the pickup window.
- **Email votes-**
 - PBIS for \$138 in logowear and \$80 in scholastic give cards
 - Additional \$140 for chorus tshirts
 - \$186 for surprise assembly accessories

4. Requests & Allocations

- **1st Grade Field Trip \$2,275 APPROVED**
 - Boston Museum of Science - \$975 for admission, \$1,300 for buses
- **Math Week \$153.31 APPROVED**
 - Estimation jars like last year, estimate how tall Mr. Ward is. Includes prizes for winners.
- **3rd Grade Field Trip \$2,725 APPROVED**
 - Two days of the tour of Freetown. Historical Society, Town Hall, Library, Bandstand, Assonet loop on Day 1. Gurney's Sawmill, Fire Station, State Forest, Annie's Ice Cream on Day 2.
- **3rd Grade GRAIS Trip \$500 APPROVED**
 - See the school, meet the Principal, the cost is for two buses.
- **2 Office Chairs \$320 APPROVED**
- **TY Gift Cards \$1,250 APPROVED**



4. Requests & Allocations (Continued)

- **2 Color Printers & Ink \$460 APPROVED**
- **Audubon In Class Assemblies \$2,000 APPROVED**
 - Hands on presentations, one class at a time. 45 minutes per class, two staff members per class. Very interactive. PreK & K content is seasons and lifecycles. 1st & 2nd will be habitats. 3rd grade has opted out, considering. Cost would be \$2,500 with third grade. That amount was approved.

5. Board member/Committee reports

- BINGO Night
 - We are excited, prizes are ready to go
 - Tables and chairs are setup, will decorate on Thursday
 - Looking forward to a great night
- Book Fair
 - Thank you to the volunteers
 - Over \$11k in sales, rewards taken in scholastic dollars (\$4,769)
 - May use the points for teacher incentives again in the future
 - Next book fair will be the third week in May and it is BOGO
 - Family night is the same night as the art fair, 5/23 5:30-7:00.
- Yearbook Committee
 - Pens have been ordered
 - Student questionnaires sent out
 - Started receiving baby pictures
- Outdoor Committee Update
 - Cookie fundraiser will be used for this project
 - Deciding on which picnic tables for the 1-3 playground
 - Looking into a fun addition for the PreK + K side
 - Outdoor trash barrels would be great
 - Earth Day cleanup is being run by the town, building inspector. They asked if we wanted the school to be a site.

7. Questions/Open topics to discuss

- **Possible dates:**
 - 3rd Grade Social – June 14th
 - Fox Festival – June 11th, June 12th rain date. Still unsure about preschool graduation.
 - Grade 2 Star Spangled Spectacular – June 13th, in school assembly June 14th potentially.
- **Upcoming predicted expenses**
 - Just over \$21k planned expenses over the next few months.
 - Includes items approved above, Fox Festival anticipated costs, all field trips, teacher appreciation week, etc.
- **SE PAC Request**
 - PTO used to provide them some funding. FMLS allocated \$600.
 - We are considering a case by case basis where they can make requests.
 - They have assemblies and speakers, we could sponsor specific events.



7. Questions/Open topics to discuss (Continued)

• Open Space Committee

- The Open Space Committee reached out about partnering to do a community picnic. We had a similar idea. Should we do one for the school only or partner with them?
- Ideas include: bouncy house, yard games, music.
- May timeframe, potentially May 18th.
- It was determined that we are supportive of partnering with the open space committee.
- May be an opportunity to educate incoming families about what the district offers.
- Sarah to provide more details at the March meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 7:59PM

Please join us for our next meeting on March 11th