



Freetown Elementary  
School

## **PTO Meeting Minutes May 8, 2018**

7PM – Meeting called to order  
13 people in attendance

### **Principal's Report**

- Thank you to the PTO for the staff appreciation week festivities.
- Bingo for Books last night went well, hopefully parents had a good take away and thank you to the PTO for the support and gift card.
- We got the invoice for the ELA MCAS breakfast and the MCAS went well. The kids generally say the best part of the day was the breakfast and they had a pep rally and parade.
- This Thursday is the Special Olympics event that our students are participating in. The school plans to have the other students lining the Bullock Road driveway to welcome the kids back and some police officers here to
- Recognize staff in attendance - Mrs. Isaksen (PreK) and Mrs. St. Onge (K)

### **Treasurer's Report**

- We started the month with \$36,657 in the ledger and ended with \$36,409. The deposits included the t-shirt fund raiser for the risers and some miscellaneous collections from other fund raisers. We paid for some additional outside play equipment, Fox Festival supplies and staff appreciation. After remaining allocations and restricted cash for various items, the available balance is \$21,061.

### **Updates and Upcoming Events**

- Next Book Fair 5/29 to 6/1 and Family Night is the Tuesday from 5:30 to 7. Scholastic said if we confirm the dates for next year, we will get an extra bonus. The kids will get to use their book vouchers for the BOGO book fair. We have scholastic dollars that are supposed to expire in August, but they said they usually can extend them to the start of the new school year. Liz will reach out to the librarian to see if she wants to use the balance for the library which is around \$3,000. One possible option for some of the scholastic dollars is the Book Room that is a resource for the teachers to pull level library books for their classrooms. Mr. Ward will check with the teachers to see if they want to use some scholastic dollars there. The school just got a Title 1 grant for \$10,000 for book purchases as well.
- Spring Storywalk scheduled for the same week as the book fair. They will locate the When Rain Falls story walk boards and get them set up. We plan to leave it up for a couple of weeks. May 29<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Fox Festival Update – coming up on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The volunteer email went out this week. Everything is going well and some possible scheduling conflicts were discussed and cleared up. The games are ready to go, volunteers are already signing up. We are getting freeze pops again. We will get a couple of boxes of dye free and yogurt pops. We have a big blow up fox that we will need to figure out how to keep it blown up. There are 6 kids in the PreK plus that are not in a PreK classroom. Lisa will follow up with Mrs. Patterson to schedule a time for those kids to come out. Southcoast students will also participate.
- 2018/2019 PTO Board vacancies and proposed committees – we definitely need a Treasurer, a Secretary and Volunteer Coordinator. We are also confirming with the possible Book Fair Coordinator to make sure we know if we need that as well. We will do a big communication push over the next couple of weeks so we can get some interest and try to break down some of the events and tasks so we can get more people involved. We could also consider adding Box Tops Coordinator and Fox Festival work so Lisa could free up to take something else on.

### **Allocations**

- Mrs. Jacobsen - \$250 from JDRF funds for student in need. This was taken care of and there is no need for this allocation.
- Kindergarten in-school field trip – Easton Children’s Museum – Teachers have been coordinating with them for a few months and due to changes in their administration, their response was delayed. We were recently able to confirm with them that they can come to the Kindergarten classrooms individually and do a STEM based program. They have possible dates at the end of May or early June and their team will select their date shortly. The total cost of the program is \$1,225 to serve all 4 classrooms. Payment can be mailed prior or on the event day, no deposit required. A motion was made to allocate \$1,225 to Kindergarten for this program.
- Yearbook has a request to order special pens for the Third Grade Yearbook signing day. It is less than \$100, so we don’t need to make an allocation but they wanted to request the funding. Wendy will send the link to Melissa

**Board Member Reports**

- Stop and Shop for this year was over \$1000 and we will be receiving that check as well.
- The last Box Tops check of the year came in.

8pm – Meeting Adjourned  
Next Meeting is June 12th at 7pm

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Michelle Almeida - FES PTO Secretary

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Melissa Michener – FES PTO Co-Chair