



Bishop School PTO Meeting Agenda

Date: November 14, 2018

Location: Bishop School Library

7:00 pm

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions by the board and parents
- Review and Approval of Minutes from September 2018 Meeting - approved
- Principal's Update (Mark McAneny)
 - Lice season - more information to come from Nit Wits presentation
 - Conference season- should have received 12/4 (early release), 12/11 (early release), 12/13 (evening conferences). Teachers can offer 7:30 am or after school conferences if needed. All conferences have to be completed by the 12/13.
 - 2nd grade parents lobbied the School Committee for large class TA. Claire Klinger is the new large class TA; so 2nd grade is fully supported now.
 - Enrollment 454 - numbers fluctuate
 - Teachers and departments to identify student learning goals and professional goals that were due 11/1 to Mr. McAneny. Meet 1x/week to discuss status with status
 - Looking at math conversations and writing process (rough drafts, peer and teacher editing, to finalization).
 - Teacher has to manage class while giving a student writing coaching.
 - Welcomes feedback and recognition. Thanked parents for
- Teacher's Update (Justine Viveiros) - absent, but she wanted to extended gratitude on behalf of the teachers for the classroom funds.
- Co-President's Report (Sarah Eastman/Elisa Komoni)
- Grants
 - Can find the approved
 - Approved grants for October
 - Spelling City for 5th grade
 - Ed Helpers for 3rd and 5th grades
 - Shelving in Ms. Capaldo's room
 - Recorder Goes to School Program for 3rd grade
 - Reading curriculum for all grades for Specialist



- Cafeteria Indoor Recess Bins for activities
- New teacher/staff board which is magnetic
- New lobby board will be installed once the mount is received
- Solar flagpole light from the custodian
- Grants can be submitted by teachers and parents
- Shared Thank you notes from teachers
- Thanked parents for contribution to Annual Fund to support grants, enrichment,
- Nit Wits presentation on lice prevention and management (Kathy Little)
 - Lice are only transferred from hair to hair contact. Rarely is transferred from inorganic items.
 - More information is available on the PTO website.
- Budget Update (Ami Fatula) – quick update at 65% if fundraising goal. More info can be found on PTO website.
- Upcoming Events/Volunteer Needs:
 - Craft Fair, Dec. 6 (4th grade host) – sign up link to be sent out in the newsletter.
 - Teacher Conferences, Dec. 14 (meal pick-up, set-up and clean-up)
 - Movie Night, January 4 (K event)
- Public Comment/Questions
 - Question regarding Mr. Scopa’s email about the Health Class – how does it work? Physical Education teacher is responsible for a portion as well as the teachers and nurse throughout the year. Mr. Scopa will pick times when appropriate to fulfill his requirements for the curriculum.
 - Question regarding MCAS - parent wanted to know when he will be speaking to it. Mr. McAneny will put together a presentation for next PTO meeting on 1/9/18. Last year was the first time MCAS 2.0 was given, so no baseline for the test. Mr. McAneny will discuss in January the test results. Bishop is the highest achieving school in the district in general. Perform considerably higher than the state. Use the data to see areas to celebrate and areas where we need to concentrate.
 - Question regarding recorder program – are recorders kept at school? Yes.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

December 1 and January 5: Spirit Days

December 6: Craft Fair

December 7: Morning Coffee: Mental Health (Katie Martin, School Nurse)

January 4: Movie Night

THE NEXT PTO MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019