

PTO Meeting Minutes  
Monday January 6, 2020, 6pm

- Opening remarks from Ann DeCerbo. It was her last month running our meetings, as she will be stepping down from PTO President. Ann was recently elected as Chair of the Norfolk Board of Education but still plans on serving an active role in the PTO.

Interim officers were announced until formal elections take place in May. They are as follows:

Lisa Bazzano, President

Sarah Fiester, Vice President

Kailyn Nadeau, Secretary

(Jenna Brown will remain Treasurer, Hilary VanWright NASP Chair and Virginia Coleman-Prisco, Social Media Chair)

- January's Cultural Event, a BMX bike demonstration will take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> in the gym.
- Jenna reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Highlights were the Scholastic Book Fair and the Holiday Fair in which a profit was made-a rarity since the intention has historically been to simply provide a shopping experience for the children and hope to break even!

Discussed plans for an Easter Butter Braid fundraiser, based on the success of the last sale.

- Hilary gave her report on NASP ideas which include basketball, board games and the potential for ukulele and a junior drama club.
- Discussed Recess and the potential for purchasing nerf-type balls for indoor recess. Will check with Mr. Thorne-Kaunelis in terms of what might be needed, if anything (there could be enough in the closet).

Mrs. Valentino suggested an "activity box" for outdoor recess, to provide alternate activities for children who don't participate in gross motor type play. Some ideas were mandala coloring books with pencils (and sharpeners), markers and magnetic type "travel" board games.

- A Community Outreach group is in the works, which will consist of two members of the Board of Education, two members of the Board of Finance and two community members. We suggested that two parents or PTO members be added to ensure that all perspectives are represented. Ann will present this idea at the Board of Ed meeting and report back.

- A big thank you to Mrs. Valentino who updated the school website with new information regarding curriculum and instruction.
- Discussed the potential for opening the school gymnasium for community use, including the logistics of someone coordinating and whether or not the town would utilize it.

Marinell suggested a weekly women's soccer or basketball night.

- The topic of a "concession trailer" was brought up again! The trailer would enable the PTO to sell baked goods, coffee, hot dogs & hamburgers. It could easily be transported between the baseball and soccer fields. Jenna suggested we approach the Rec Committee to collaborate. We will continue to research the best trailer options for our needs.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Present: Ann DeCerbo, Lisa Bazzano, Jenna Brown, Marinell Crippin, Hilary VanWright, Chelsea Bottum, Amy Bennett, Lauren Valentino and Kailyn Nadeau.