

PTO Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2015

Officers Present: President: Tara Kennedy VP: Elizabeth Cross, Assistant Treasurer: Diana Frye, Volunteer Coordinator: Ruthie Sperio, Principal: George Shea

Secretary's Report – Tara Kennedy

Minutes from the March 4, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

President's Report – Tara Kennedy

Elections- Asst Treasurer, Secretary—so far Kelly Mee is a possibility for Treasurer so still looking for Secretary. Job descriptions are on the PTO website in the bylaws.

PHS Choir Fundraiser

May 6th PTO Meeting - will have a special guest; Transportation Director (Julia Walker) and Transportation Engineer will come and answer any comments or concerns. If you have any questions, we'd like to send them off to her before the meeting so she can be prepared to answer the questions. Lead engineer is an NFS parent on the study we are conducting to rectify the exit/entrance warrant study on Franklin Drive. Stark Street bridge supposed to be down for only 3 months starting in July, hopefully. Will still be a one way bridge. Possibly have her here at 6:30 to allow for more time.

Principal's Report – George Shea

Thanks to Tara Mickela for doing the recent newsletter.

Tony Coviello organized some companies to raise money to provide the three schools for Pi day. **Pi Day** kids may go in and get a gift certificate at the next school board meeting.

No formal **artist in residence** this year so we are going to use funds to bring in a group for a science day on May 28 with Mad Science with Up in the Air. Kick-off on Aerodynamics.

Gary the Silent Clown from May 11-21.

Mexican wooden mask carvers coming on May 18 provided by Margaritas.

4th graders go to Concord tomorrow.

Great **kindergarten musical** last week. Stone Soup with other grades next week.

Smarter Balance testing we are halfway through. Logistically has gone well. Original perceptions seem to be that it is hard. The kids have been incredible. On the Performance Task there is variability on the number of questions. Data this year will be "curious". We don't know what the form of the results will be.

5th grade dates for **Environmental School** first week of June. Expect June 17 to be the breakfast. Each class will be going to the gundalow.

30 Day Review – Tara Kennedy

Wellness committee—Healthy Try-Its, we need to have one parent from each school to be on a committee. First meeting would be May 6 at 3:45. Mr. Shea suggested asking Kim Kumph.

Talent Show was awesome. Still hoping to have someone step up to take over next year.

Cash raffle—went fine. Next year Jamie Barnes is taking over the organization. Brought in \$1,960.

Little Caesar's got canceled for low interest.

Healthy Try It—water cress canceled for March because of its size. Did blood oranges instead. Next one is May, last one. Don't know what it will be yet but we are hoping for something local.

Treasurer's Report: Diana Frye

Budget Review – shared

Got grant from Newbury Savings for \$2k for E-school. One to-do item about Amazon Smiles is to find out who set it up.

Want to do a summer reading list event at River Run.

60 Day Look Forward: Elizabeth Cross

PEP—looking for a 2nd volunteer to help Nikki as Traci is leaving

Ice Cream social—Kelly Mee is organizing. Ice cream is already here.

Staff Appreciation—trying to find breakdown on M, W, F We have about \$300 for what we want to do with secret surprise. Meghan will take care of Secretary's Day / Nurse's day

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Talent Show—was great. Hoping someone will step up to take over.

Ice Cream Social—Kelly Mee organizing. The ice cream has already arrived.

Staff Appreciation – see above.

Wallis Sands Water Stop—Phil and Jess are running it. Already on sign up genius. May 17.

Lawn Fete—had our first meeting. 10-12 people. Some great ideas being floated around.

Kona Hawaiian ice—possibly for back to school event.

Game night—Sarah Gatchell wants to hold it possibly May 26 or 27?

Spring Student Showcase—date tbd.

Maple Syrup—buckets galore. Please bring sap over; Randy is already boiling 300 gallons, finishing this weekend hopefully.

Movie Night—will plan for more food. This time we will send a survey to see what movie people want to see. Joe's pizza will donate this time around. Market Basket donating some.

Fairy House tour—Stefanie is looking to get some more people active as some of the other parents are moving out of NFS. Hoping to increase the number of fairy houses as some of our income comes from ticket sales which increase based on how many houses we have (which improves NFS attendance). Need volunteers for transporting, donating supplies, on-site help. Maker-space willing to have fairy house party over there. Make houses during MC3 and PEAK. September 26-27. If anyone is cutting down trees please donate cookies.

Race for the Cure—Team Katya is up and running. May 9, Saturday. On Pierce Island.

Ruthie trying to organize a parent's night out, too much going on to get it to happen. Possibly in Autumn.

Bowling Night—want to post-poner it to fall.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting : May 6, 2015