



General Meeting Agenda

Date/Time: February 9th, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Google Meet

1. Welcome & Housekeeping
 - a. Review & Approve [Minutes](#) from January 12, 2021: minutes approved
2. Teacher Report- Mrs. Loiseau
 - a. Teachers' expressed their appreciation for the recent purchases from the Amazon Wish Lists
 - b. The Literacy Team shared recent Teachers College resources that were posted to social media for MES families.
 - c. Mrs. Culver and Mrs. FitzPatrick are currently showcasing the superusers and have not shared updates on needing prizes yet.
 - d. Read Across America Event, March 2: There will be guest readers through Google Meet (First Selectwoman, Woodbury Librarians, Rotary)
 - i. PTO purchased books for grades 3-5, one book for each classroom (9 books total).
 - ii. The PreK-2 books are being purchased in partnership with the Rotary Club, and it is by a local author (she will be a guest reader). The book is about social-emotional wellness, and each class will get a copy of the book, community coloring page for the class, a class stuffed animal, and a booklet for each child. Total amount is \$540, and the rotary is asking if the PTO would partner on this. The Rotary will cover whatever the PTO does not.
3. Principal Update: No specific update, but there is a weekly newsletter being sent out at the end of each week.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. \$18,252 in available funds
 - b. Tori is following up on the Hollyrock refund.
 - c. Tori is looking into what funds will be available by the end of the year when all expenses are taken into account. We should have \$9,000-\$10,000 in unallocated funds. She will check-in with the committees to make sure she has everything accounted for.
5. Committee Updates
 - a. **Decoration:** Chairs - Megin Nicols, Anne Strzelecki

- i. They update with new holidays
- b. **Community Building/Family:** Chair-Jen Salisbury
 - i. Valentine's Kits are together, and they are set to be picked up Thursday in the vestibule. 141 kits ordered.
- c. **Staff Appreciation:** Chair-Kelly Macomber
 - i. New Morning Staff Appreciation Event in February - cafe beverages delivered to staff
 - ii. Amazon Wish List - social media blasts and Allison's help
 - iii. Amy O is still doing birthday treats for staff
 - iv. Bus Driver Appreciation February 22
 - v. Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week May 3-7: All ideas welcome!
 - vi. Ice Cream Emergency end of the year appreciation event on June 2
- d. **Fundraising:** Chair- Amy Obolewicz
 - i. Home Collection Boxes
 - 1. Amy has been working with Mrs. Gamache to decorate a small white box to collect Labonne's receipts and box tops. A flyer, along with the boxes, will go out that will explain this initiative at the end of February. In the past these two initiatives have raised around \$2,000.
 - ii. Panera Fundraiser on February 14th.
 - iii. Clothing Drive: Working with a MES parent on this and we are waiting to hear back from Mr. Komar whether we can do this (one weekend event and/or have a box outside for year round collection). Thinking of doing an event around Earth Day if possible.
 - iv. Easter time flower arrangement: Looking to partner with a local florist (Petal Perfection).
 - v. Mother's Day Plant Sale: In the past the PTO has partnered with Woodbury Farm. They bring plants to the school, on the same day as the Middle School, and then pickup leftover plants at the end of the day. Mother's Day is May 9th.
 - vi. The FFA is looking to do volunteer/community events (bring animals), so we should reach out when this would work to help promote events.
- e. **Student Enrichment:** Chair- Sarah Spagnola
 - i. Classroom Books Purchased for Read Across America (notes above)
 - ii. Sarah is working on ordering the t-shirts and ribbons for the Pr-K/K/5th.
 - iii. The PTO put together a little Valentine for each kid (sunglasses), but it is still being decided how they will be shared with students.
 - iv. Scholastic Book fair being organized and there are options for how/where to run it based where we are in the spring. There is a possibility for an outdoor event.
- f. **Yearbook:** Chair- Heather Weinbrum
 - i. Call for Photos

ii. Portrait day in-person set for Feb. 26th

6. Upcoming/Ongoing Events & Business

- a. February 25th. 7:30 PM: Committee Volunteer Meeting
- b. March 9th, 7:30pm: Next General PTO Meeting
- c. BOE Candidate Forum-TBD
 - i. Garrett will reach out to the other PTO's regarding setting up a BOE Candidate Forum.
- d. Communicating Info Out Reminder:
 - i. Newsletter: please send any info/photos/news to ptomitchellschool@gmail.com to include.
 - ii. Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter
 - iii. Digital Backpack (email webmaster@ctreg14.org)
 - iv. Sandwich Board in front of school