



PTO meeting | Friday March 17, 2023 9:00a in the BES Cafe

Meeting called to order by Sabrina

In Attendance

Sabrina Searles
Amber Williamson
Missy Mahon
Whitney Beatty
Kristine Rinaldi-Ambrosio
Kristine Cuccia
Nina Kekacs

Meeting Minutes

- Opening point of note: The 6/2 Family Festival will need a sub-committee. Too many moving parts to take up the entirety of PTO meetings.
 - Family Festival, Food Trucks:
 - Lions Club is SET for burgers, dogs, fries. Fire Dept might do a BBQ truck?
 - Ice Cream vendor still needed... truck from Veteran's Park?
 - Pizza Truck?
 - All food served at festival for purchase by attendees.
 - Family Festival, Bounce Houses:
 - Nina has cousin who owns 3 obstacle course bounce houses (we could use for free), but we would need to manage transport, setup
 - Mr. Jackson usually gets the Field Day bouncer from Litchfield TrueValue. PTO to compare costs.
 - Family Festival, Insurance:
 - Amber to call AIM Insurance re: separate policy for this event. And others?
 - Family Festival, Parking: SRO Mark Cattey says the front lots have 90 spots. Whitney to write to East Street businesses with parking lots about overflow parking. We will need to make sandwich boards to direct cars into these other lots.
 - Hayride option nixed because East Street is a County Route
 - Need callbacks from Trooper Fitzgerald, Town FireMarshall re: approvals and/or permits
 - PTO plans to invite community leaders, Selectman, Board of Ed, Region 14, etc.
 - Prizes: any alcohol-based prizes need to be wrapped in cellophane. No alcohol on grounds.
 - Raffle Items and 50/50 prize to be heavily advertised with any Festival ads.
- PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Wendy Y unable to attend. Report forthcoming
 - Can Wendy pls give us the 5th grade Graduation date?

- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - Dr. Seuss Bingo – another big success. Excellent turnout
 - \$62 in donations given to PTO at event. Next time, let's have a QR code on easel.
 - Reading Contest – winners announced 3/17. Smaller participation #s than usual. Spirit Sticks distributed to teacher mailboxes in office
 - Yearbook: Whitney and Sabrina to do push on Yearbook administrative tasks (photo labeling, etc). SONJA is the yearbook company representative.
 - PTO new website and app needs a big marketing push? Flyer sent home? Socials?
 - Outdoor Marquee Sign: needs monthly updates. Whitney to manage every 2-4 weeks.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Assemblies: "Food Play" renamed to "The Nutrition Magician." \$1595 for 2 programs
 - Walk-A-Thon is officially renamed "Hopping For Hoops" to fundraise for new gymnasium basketball hoops/mounts. Week of June 12-16.
 - PTO to plan an assembly to hype up the event. Maybe NHS basketball teams?
 - Need from Tim Jackson goal amount \$ to be raised for the new hoops
 - Mr. Jackson will be featured in a social media video encourage participation
 - QR code needs to be fully ironed-out to direct to a Venmo account. PTO's current Venmo account influx due to phone number needed on the account.
 - Nina suggests a Gmail account used for a Google Phone number.
 - Talent Show: Kristine Cuccia and Mr. P still in planning stages
 - Clothing Drive to be synched with the Plant Sale pickups on 5/12.
 - "Pick Up Your Plants, Drop Off Your Clothes"
 - Sabrina will add this to the Plant Sale flyer
 - Possibly incentivize donations? Ex: For every 2 lbs donated clothing, receive a free packet seeds/flower pot /bag of soil...?
 - Possibly include Student Council with the clothing drive, with weighing and accepting bags?
 - Book Fair: April 3-6. Volunteers being signed up via BESCT.PTBoard.com
 - Need volunteers to setup on Friday 3/31
 - Ice Cream Social April 6, 5:30-7. Kristin manage Ice Cream Social, need volunteers to scoop.

Miscellaneous/Reminders

Next Meeting

Friday 4/21 9:00am in BES Café

followed by

Thursday 5/11 6:00pm in BES Café

Friday 6/9 9:00am in BES Café