

PTO Monthly Meeting October 17, 2011

Attendees: Mary Carignan, Deana Powell, Kim Iannacci, Kristen Burns, Stephanie Page, Jenn LaCross, Claude Poinier, Karyn Paglierani, Sarah Coronella, Lisa Harrison, Heather Sroka, Bob Meek-LaVeck, Clem LaShom, Kirsten Snape, Mona Carpenter-Bowen, Kim Martin, Sandy Orni, Paula Welch, Jessica Frank, Wendy Bertrand and Laurie Lovett-Parsons

- I. Welcome to staff and parents
- II. Monthly Minutes report, Wendy Bertrand Emailed September's Meeting Minutes to all attendees. Motion to approve minutes as presented – K. Snape, Seconded M. Carpenter-Bowen, 13 approved, 0 opposed.
- III. Guest Speaker – Primary School Principal – Christine Bonci
 - a. School Council - Tracey K., Stephanie P., Christine B., Colleen S., Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Chap and Mr. C
 - b. Parent Conference early this year
 - c. Book Fair to take place during conference being run by Pami Terren
 - d. Recycling Program
 - i. using flatware in the lunch room
 - ii. would like to figure out how to recycle the milk cartons
 - e. Looking to expand the preschool program
 - i. Had/having a meet and greet with local preschools
 - f. Handwriting without tears using slates and chalk
- IV. Guest Speaker – Dr. Sara Lane – TCP Principal
 - a. Made AYP on the MCAS Exams this year
 - i. Plan on having a celebratory party for the kids
 - ii. Had a celebratory dinner for the staff
 - b. Trifecta
 - i. Study Island
 - ii. Project Based Learning
 - iii. Power Block
 - c. Brain Gym
 - d. New Schedule
 - i. Extra 20 minutes breaks things down into 45 minute blocks
 - ii. Extra 5 minutes for lunch
 - e. Technology
 - i. Word

- ii. Excel
 - iii. PowerPoint
 - f. Read Every Day (RED) Program
 - g. Recycling at Lunch
 - h. Veterans Day Program Scheduled for November 9th
 - i. Looking for Volunteers in the Office and Café
 - j. Hoping to do Lipsync again (\$2,200 – last year)

- V. Guest Speaker – Tim Santry – THMS Principal
 - a. Thanked PTO for the purchase of seven document cameras
 - b. PTO Members to meet with staff monthly
 - c. 2 wireless mobile computer labs each with
 - i. 20 ipads
 - ii. Dragon Capable - speech technology
 - d. 8th Grade Reconfiguration
 - i. 5 teachers with hybrid groups
 - e. Advisory Groups
 - i. Mask Program
 - ii. Social and Emotional Program
 - iii. Personal Goal Setting
 - iv. Aware of their thinking
 - v. Transition to High School
 - f. Powerschool
 - i. Improve Home/School Communication
 - ii. Parent Portal
 - 1. Access Grade Books
 - 2. Access Assignments
 - 3. Access Attendance
 - g. MCAS – Did NOT make AYP – in same boat as 82% of schools in MA
 - h. After School Activities
 - i. Limited do to no contract with Union
 - ii. Holding homework/studyhall M/W/Thurs from 2:20 – 3:00 free of charge

- VI. Guest Speaker – Joseph Dillion – Interim H.S. Principal
 - a. MCAS
 - i. 10th graders - 96%
 - ii. Math 94%
 - iii. Science 91%
 - b. H.S. going Wireless
 - c. Has had walkthroughs

- i. spending 3-5 min in each classroom
 - ii. working on strategies
 - iii. making students responsible for own learning
- d. Homecoming October 29
 - i. Working on Floats and parade

VII. Wendy Bertrand – New Business

- a. Vote to set-up a PayPal Account for PTO – Motion made by Jessica Frank, seconded by all, 17 approved, 0 opposed
- b. Town Fair may take place in the Spring or Fall of next year – Amy Raboin 8th grade math teacher has expressed interest in taking it over
- c. Gift Mart – at St. Boniface Church this year
- d. Need HS Level and Middle School Level Reps (check back with Mona and Claude)
- e. Next month meeting focus will be the PTO Budget

VIII. Adjournment

Next meeting Monday, November 14th, 7 p.m.