

October PTO minutes

Attendance: Erin Lawler, Mike Hayes, Whitney Battle-Baptiste, Ruby Toledo, Sage Scott, Cara Castenson, Jessica Hanson, Lisa Candito, Emily Marriott, Amy Wasserman, Lisa Dejarlais, Chelsea Gwyther, Amie, Weddleton-Reeves, Todd Jansen, Heather Edwards

1. Minutes from September meeting approved
2. Harvest Supper/Ice Cream Social – almost broke even, made a \$96.70, spent \$110
3. We presently have a balance of \$5089.67 this is after having paid \$289 for tshirts and giving \$1150.00 to teachers.
4. Book fair brought in \$1800 from scholastic for the library. Emily has been in contact with the scholastic representative and is looking for feedback on how we can make it better for next year.

One concern Emily had was the issue of tax. A child might have a dollar to buy an item, but not 4 cents to compensate for the additional tax. Would PTO be willing to cover that cost in the future?

Scholarships - \$182.54 was given out for 1 book per eligible child, in the future could we give those children a gift certificate for one book to save face

5. Bertuccis – Nov 13th they will make flyers and hopefully provide it electronically as well so we can email it to friends and families.

Box tops – Lisa C. will write up a contest for the classroom and whichever class collects the most box tops wins extra recess time. Erin will create boxes for each class to collect them in.

Genevieve's – going out Thursday 10/10 due back oct 22nd and items will be available 11/25

Original Art – email to parents about the early holidays which is why the backup for fundraisers.

Original art will be back by nov 25 also.

Tshirts – extended the deadline, the more tshirts ordered = bigger discount

Recycling Day – Erin will try to organize a day, Mike Hayes will man the cash box on the day of.

Granby PTO – had a fundraiser through community recycling where they collected clothes, shoes, belts etc. in a PODS container and then were paid for the items that were then given to the less fortunate. Lisa C. will look into doing this in March

6. Halloween Party – 6th grade parents and children are really looking forward to doing the haunted house. Chelsea will talk with those ppl about putting that together, while Amie W-R and Heather E. will connect with Nora about doing the other part of it.

7. Principal Notes – We are now a Title One school which brings in an additional \$5K for literacy programs

2nd and 3rd grade are having a run for fun program during recess starting a week from today.

School Committee and The Town supported a technology upgrade so we will be receiving mimeo in K-6, smartboards and a new laptop cart

Pelham School Phonebook, Mike and Sarah Hayes will update last years.

There was a non agenda item discussed about the district going nut free.