

PTO Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mena's report

Mena's guest: Lidia Dileso, Grade 3 Teacher

Third grade students have been finalizing STEAM projects that incorporated magnets. They did research on line to create a magnet game and some also created ads and talked about media literacy and how ads can trick you. For their games, students had testers in other classes, mostly in K and 1st grade who were given questionnaires about the games. There will be a third grade showcase next month. This project is part of Cunniff's goal is to have a showcase in each grade this year.

Mena

School has booked Discovery Museums for grade 3 on May 17. This will focus on weather and climate and will incorporate hands- on STEAM projects

Emily Boone will be at Cunniff on May 5 and 8 to work with PK,K and 1.

The placement process will begin tomorrow at faculty meeting.

MCAS is beginning--grade 3 began with ELA this week; there are monitors in the hall to remind students to remain quiet because of testing. Testing starts first thing in the morning and is done by 11ish.

4th grade begins the following week. They are the only grade in Watertown to take MCAS on computers;

Book swap on March 31 was very successful--nicely run by student council

Treasurer's report: Tina

Currently at \$7300; Membership is just over \$3000. Marriott gave a \$200 donation.

Old business

LifeTouch- Carm Saturday, May 13 LifeTouch, a photo company, will be at the library taking portraits. We are in the process of putting together a sign up genius to schedule this which will be linked to PayPal. Carm will confirm with Lauren and Donna when the flyer is complete.

Square 1 Art- Grades are finishing projects and they will be mailed next week. May 8 parents will receive order forms and they will be filled by mid-June, before Father's Day.

International Fair-Lindi. The fair is June 8 from 6-8 PM at Cunniff.

Current countries include UK, Greece, Jordan, Turkey, Armenia, Morocco, Guatemala, Norway, and perhaps Germany and Italy. There are usually 2-3 people at a table.

Tables will be in the gym.

We still need a country table organizer to make a master plan of locations, and a greeter for the food tables (to be located in the cafeteria)

Maria is booking entertainment--Armenian dance, Irish step;

There will also be high school volunteers to help run the event.

Food will begin later in the evening and is pot luck style. We will look into purchasing sample-style containers as food is not meant to be a meal
Llndi will think about asking for paper products to be donated

Sweatshirts will be for sale until April 14--zips and hoodies are available. See flyer on the PTO board for details.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 1st-5th budget is about \$1500 for about 60 people
Amy will look into a masseuse; Amy, Erin and Milton will look into lunch options for Friday, May 5.

We will have a Meadow Farms fundraiser again next year. Julie will be in touch with our contact to follow up from his visit: we will use the City catalog (as long as we can still purchase gift wrap on line), we will not have an assembly about the event, and it will remain a fall fundraiser, most likely in October

Dancing with the Stars is Friday, May 5. Dancers include Dan Driscoll, Cunniff Parent, Tony our custodian, Mark Sedaris, Town Council President, Linda Messina, Antonia O'Hara. Tickets are currently on sale (\$45 for general admission and \$65 for a seat at a table) The event will take place at the Hellenic Cultural Center.

5th grade update: Nancy

Sargents camp is May 31 through May 2; about 22 Cunniff students and 60 in total from town will be attending this year. Fundraiser is forthcoming.

Carwash and bake sale is Saturday, May 20 (rain date May 21)

PTO will cover Freedom Trail field trip and \$1000 toward Project Adventure.

Fun Run -- there is an organizing company will waive a fee. It's too late for this year, but we may do it in the fall as a kick off fundraiser.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, May 2

In attendance:

Mena Ciarlone
Maria Caracino
Georgia Santander
Tina Brisson
Patricia Grady
Erin Macomber

Lidia Dilesio
Michelle Nitschke
Jackie Airasian
Milton Contreras
Nancy Dicker
Barbara Powderly

Lauren Stefano
Donna Driscoll
Carm Bruncati
Erica Villiote
Amy Grady
Julie Weeden