

PTO minutes from Thursday, March 16

Mena's Update

There will be a performance at school for all grades on March 25 by a Caribbean band. The school will be split in two assemblies as this has worked well in the past.

The Art show is currently on display at the Watertown Mall. There is a reception on March 21 from 5-7 PM. Please come and support our young artists!

MCAS preparation has begun. Practice sessions are currently underway in the afternoon or morning and by grade. Fourth grade will take each MCAS test on line this year. Practice tests will also be graded this year. They have already begun to learn the on line tools for mathematics with great success.

Ms Nagel is also running a Math Olympiad and Ms Park is running a 6-week engineering program that will hopefully expand to include all grades next year.

Guest Speaker: Brett from Meadow Farms

New catalog has just come out with additions of totes and new wrapping paper. We should strive for 20% participation next fall. Front end promotion is a must toward increasing sales for next year. One idea is for Brett to come to talk to the Cunniff students about fundraising. We will also consider switching to the city edition which focuses on more food and kitchen items, which have both been popular in the past at Cunniff.

Treasurer's report: Tina

We earned \$2400 from the Spelling Bee. We are currently at about \$15,000.00, which is up from last year, but short of our goal of \$20,000. We received a grant for author, Emily Boone, to work with grades PK/K, 1,2. Mena will talk with the 3rd grade teachers about an enrichment activity to be sponsored by the PTO. Fifth grade funding will be discussed at the next meeting because there is a class meeting prior to our April meeting.

Maria was able to get a \$2000 grant from Whole Foods for the gardens. This check will be sent to Mena and then to the Central Office to take the PTO out of the budget loop.

Old Business

Movie night grossed \$315 and 5th grade also made money at their table.

The spring Box Tops contest has begun and will run until June 15. Grade 4 is currently in the lead.

LifeTouch Spring Family pictures Carm

Library is willing to host us for sittings, but it does have limited availability. There will be a 15-20minute block per grouping at \$20-\$25 per sitting. The PTO will net the sitting fee and the pictures will be available for purchase on line by individual families. This is

currently planned for May 13. We should aim for 20 families. Given the limitations of time at the library, Carm is researching other venues and will report back at the April meeting.

Raffle Winners: Congratulations to Cathy Williams for winning the Firepit, to Betil Tanrisev for winning the Kindle Fire and to Susanne Pirolli for winning the Fireplace chat. Thanks to all who participated!

Fun Run: Lindi

There is a \$500 fee to use a company to organize this event and other costs, so we will table this idea until next year. Lindi will report back to Ms. Cameron.

Color Fun Run may change this year and will most likely be run by Boost-a-thon. This is still under discussion. Lee and Lindi will discuss these two fundraisers and report back next month.

Square 1 Art: Mrs. Lucas has already begun to work on the art for this project. Art will be sent out on April 13 and products will arrive on the June 16, the Friday before Father's Day.

International Fair is scheduled for June 8. Food, Entertainment, passport, and country table organizers are needed. Look for the sign-up sheet if you are interested in volunteering or contact Lindi.

There will be another round of Cunniff sweatshirt orders (zip ups this time!) this spring. Britt will have details soon.

Marriot would like us to send them information so they may support us. We are hoping for a cash contribution toward educational funding.

5th grade update

Chateau night made about \$500

There are still tickets available for the 5th grade Pot o' Gold raffle

5th grade car wash is Saturday May 20

There will be about 50 kids attending Sargent Camp on May 31 to June 2

Teacher Appreciation is the first week of May. Come with your ideas to thank Cunniff teacher at the **next meeting, Tuesday, April 4.**

In attendance:

Carm Bruncati

Maria Panaggio-Phillips

Rodolfo Garzon

Lauren Stefano

Anna Nolan

Mena Ciarlone

Patricia Grady

Lee Haley

Tina Brisson

Lindi DeLorio

Marlina Totino

Erica Villiotte

Britt Days

Carolyn Pipitone

Donna Driscoll

Julie Weeden

