PAC Meeting Minutes
9/29/2025
7pm

Attendees:

Brian Bemiss, Principal	Kristi McPhee	Laura Manchester	Katy Meszaros
Kristine Buttaro	Liz Moran	Kelly MacQuade	Brianne Meehan
Lidia Panifilova	Brenda Bailey	Christina Kuruvilla	Cassandra Santiago

Update from Mr. Bemiss

- School year is off to a great start!
- Recent home-school partnership events such as Curriculum Night and Ice Cream Social were enjoyable and well-received.
- Introductory SWIM Assemblies, facilitated by school counselors Ms. MacQuarrie and Ms. Mahoney, were recently held by grade-level (**S**how Respect, **W**ork Collaboratively, Demonstrate **I**ntegrity, **M**ake Good Decisions)
- Ongoing request from Mr. Bemiss for parents to continue conversations with students re: bus behavior expectations.
- Preliminary MCAS scores demonstrate that Fisher met or exceeded targets in all areas. Fisher's accountability percentile is 92% - meaning that Fisher performed better than 92% of schools in the state. This is a testament to our students and teachers!
- Fisher is always looking for substitute teachers. There is also an Educational Support Professional position available. Can apply online via the WPS website, or contact Mr. Bemiss if you're interested, have any questions, etc.

PAC Updates

1. **What does PAC do?** Fosters home-school connection through events and fundraising. The majority of funds raised goes towards school enrichment (both in-school and out-of-school field trips). This keeps field trip costs incredibly low for all Fisher families.

2. **PAC Newsletter:** We hope everyone has been enjoying the PAC Newsletter! The goal is to provide PAC-specific news in a brief, easily digestible format to all families. This will hopefully result in increased engagement and information sharing.

3. **Open Co-Chair Position:** The PAC Co-Chair position remains vacant. Additionally, current Chair Kristi McPhee will be "retiring" after this school year – meaning, we need some new volunteers to step up! Please consider joining the PAC Board!

4. **Ice Cream Social:** We dished out ~500 bowls of ice cream at the Fall Ice Cream Social! Huge thanks to Brenda Bailey and Gill Brown for coordinating. Brenda also suggested (and all attendees agreed) that PAC apply for a Restaurant Depot membership to defray future costs.

5. **Booster Fun Run:** Fisher PAC has partnered with Booster to host the first ever Fisher Booster Fun Run, a school-wide event that brings together fitness, character-building, and community support to benefit our students and our school.

    - Goal is to raise $25,000 through individual student fundraising.
    - You can create an account online at MyBooster.com and share your student's page with family and friends! See previous emails for registration instructions.
    - If you are able to secure a "Corporate Match" from an employer, please email Kristi McPhee at kcebelak@aol.com with your child(ren)'s name(s), teacher(s), and donation receipt so that the donation can be credited to your student(s).
    - The event will kick off on 10/9, with in-school events, challenges, and prizes that will continue until the "Fun Run" itself.
    - The "Fun Run" is scheduled on 10/21 and promises to be a day of fun, energy, and activity for *all* Fisher students.

6. **Trunk or Treat:** scheduled for 10/24 from 6-7pm in the Fisher parking lot. Francesca Sweeney is organizing. Sign Up Genius coming soon! Candy donations welcome!

7. **Book Fair:** coming soon in November! Michaela Stuart is organizing. The "sale" will take place during parent-teacher conferences, but students will have an opportunity during the preceding school days to preview the sale and create "wish lists" to provide to parents. Volunteer opportunities available. Sign Up Genius coming soon!

8. **Battle of the Books:** Mrs. Hughes (Gr. 3 teacher) and Mrs. Barend (Gr. 4 teacher) run this annual reading event for Grades 3-5. Our students read more than 2000 books combined last year! This year's BoB kicks off with a book parade on 11/5 and will culminate in early February with a quiz-show style "Battle." PAC donates books and provides administrative support as needed. Volunteer opportunities available.

9. **Red Sox Game:** will present potential May dates for a vote at next PAC meeting.

10. **Fisher Online Store @ The Run House:** Order your Walpole and Fisher gear via PAC's online store @ The Run House. 10% of all sales go to the PAC! We will add some new items before the holidays! Fisher Elementary School – The Run House

11. **Budget Review and Vote:** The 2025-2026 PAC budget was reviewed, with line items for docent, Fisher entry way, student enrichment, ice cream socials, staff requests, playground supplies, Battle of the Books, Teacher Appreciation Week, Field Day, and 5th grade events. Attendees unanimously approved the budget ~$29,000 budget.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 @ Fisher Media Center