

Colonial Park PTO Meeting

October 19, 2020- MEETING MINUTES

Welcome & Introductions

1. Approve September Minutes

Minutes were approved

2. Principal Introduction / Report / Meeting Guidelines

- Excited to welcome back Jean Maio as a math interventionist. Concentration in 2nd/3rd/4th Grades. Assessments with Star Math. Intervention groups running in periods of 4-6 weeks.
- Third Grade Test and Stay worked wonders and was very well managed by Mrs Lavery and Mrs Sylvestro.
- Students quarantining at home who use the audio stream participation for half of the day will be marked as remote present instead of absent
- Picture Day November 3

3. Vice Principal Report

- Learning routines in lunches. Lunch monitor position will need to be filled soon. Five days a week 11am-1pm or split between people.

4. Teacher Report: First Grade Ms Surabian and Mrs Corso.

- Concentration on procedures and routines. A lot of first graders had never been to lunch or had specials or had been remote so there is a lot of practicing and repetition of routines. Coming together so well now that teachers are setting up expectations for academics like Readers and Writers Workshop and Foundations. Building our reading muscles for independent reading and focus.
- First graders love exploring their new specials.

5. Treasurer Report

- Mandy has been collecting Student Support funds and Calareso fundraiser plus the Halloween Party admission fees. Very few current expenses.
- Bought preschool equipment for the central courtyard using their field trip allocation because preschoolers don't have a field trip. The courtyard will have a new basketball hoop and structure.

6. Open Opportunities

- Sunshine Committee: doing nice things e.g. gifts/coffee/treats for teachers around holidays, small gifts for students - **Susan Palmacci volunteered**
- Half Day Coordinator: half day activities/fundraisers (**Need volunteer**)

- Field Trips and Enrichments Coordinator: field trips on hold this year but school committee may change mind. Enrichments in smaller groups are a possibility. **(Need volunteer)**
- Room Parent Coordinator - **Karine Dalton and Tiffany Dennen volunteered**

7. Upcoming/ongoing Fundraisers

- Book Fair **(Karine Dalton)** Will conferences be in person? Hybrid approach is expected, which will help with fundraising since parents can shop when they come in the school for conferences. Deb Sullivan with the Book Oasis and Fantastic Book Fairs has reserved the date
- Bay State empties bins every Monday. Process 40,000lbs of textiles/day

8. Halloween Activities Updates

Pumpkin Patch

300 sugar pumpkins arriving Friday afternoon from Calareso's. They will be set up in the library and the children will pick them out Monday.

We need volunteers for Friday for setting up the pumpkins but we can't use many on Monday because of COVID.

Classroom teacher can decide to allow parent volunteers in classrooms. Those volunteers will need to fill out a CORI form.

Trunk or Treat

Different grades are supplying snacks, candy, trinkets, raffle baskets.

Decorated cars with trick or treating first. Bean bag toss, DJ, games, crafts. Pizza, cider.

Competing with Dodging for Dollars and Halloween Stroll downtown

9. Trash Cans

Can we add more trash cans, perhaps where the new picnic table is? The old trash cans that were facing the softball fields have disappeared.

Mrs. Flynn will explore with Facilities Dept

10. Questions/Comments

David Heiman asked can we get tax receipts for donations. Yes, we are a 501(C)3 and can arrange.

Laura Capello (Grant Coordinator) would like help finding the organizations where she can apply for grants. Joshh Magee will help coordinate and assist with the transition.

Karine Dalton has a sandbox. Does the preschool still want one? Need transport. Ryan will email and check with preschool teachers.

Do we want to do Anton's Coat Drive? We won too many times so we might not be able to win a prize. Perhaps we can bring our coats to another local school? Mandy and Jenn can help with transporting to Anton's. Oct 4-Jan 8 window.

Next meeting Tuesday Nov 16, 7pm

Attendees:

Susan Palmacci
Christine Turolski
Karine Dalton
Laura Capello
Kejer Zhang
Ryan Tollefson
Tiffany Dennen
David Heiman
Katie Haesy
Jenn Khodush
Mandy Magee
Barbara Surabian
Kristen Corso
Rosa Flynn
Elizabeth Benbow