PTO Meeting – January 5, 2026 – Call to order: 7:00 PM
Mot. to adjourn 7:54 PM: C. Cooper, sec'd: C. Begay

Attendees: T. Gilbert, J. Ramalho, A. Cakounes, S. Sullivan, C. Cooper, B. Hubbard, Diana Lebeaux, Chrystal Begay, Audrey Schwinn, Elizabeth Merlino, Kerry MacDonald, Madhoo Patil, Melissa ?, Melissa Dunne, Tara Carroll, Diana Oriol, Shamsia Muktar, Kerry Johnson

Presenter: Emily Richman

- Approval of November minutes – mot. to approve: A. Schwinn, sec'd: K. MacDonald
- Staff Spotlight –Emily Richman, K team
    - Year off to a great start
        - Added making crockpot to fall curriculum
        - Halloween parade
        - Enrichments – ocean, playful engineer
    - Things to come
        - Assessments, term 1 report cards
        - 100-day project – beginning of February
        - Enrichment – Good Pickin' Farm – bunnies and books
        - K Musical – whole grade
- Principals' Perspective
    - Donations for Wish project – really successful – thank you to community
    - First annual Turkey Trot – planning to open up to 2nd grade in future, maybe try to involve entire school
    - Cookie Dash – thank you to volunteers
    - K registration round 1 at end of Jan
    - School Committee presentation on Feb 3
    - Student Council meeting today
    - Tie Dye spirit day
    - High-five Friday coming up
    - New staff members – long-term subs – 4th grade – E. Anderson, Recess aide - T. Carvalho
    - Assessment season – iReady, guided reading, Access testing, etc.
        - "Show what you know"
    - Jan staff meeting next week – topic = safety
        - ALICE drills without students present allows for deeper and less formal debriefing
    - Sam Drazin
        - Professional Development for staff – Jan 13 – Equity at the Center
        - Family Engagement night – Jan 13 – Supporting SEL at Home
        - Grade level meetings moved to allow Sam to attend – Jan 14
        - Feedback to help boost attendance welcome
- School Committee – Diana Lebeaux - lebeauxd@chelmsford.k12.ma.us
    - Everyone welcome to attend school committee meetings
    - Decisions made for capital planning
        - SR to receive technical upgrades
            - Integrated clock/intercom/PA system
            - Coincides with roof work
    - Policies
        - Competency determination
            - Recent vote that MCAS not be graduation requirement for MA

        - AI
            - Still holding for state legislature decision – potential state-wide ban
    - New Parker school project –
        - Community forums
        - Approval of educational program this month which will determine pat of design
        - Grade configuration - TBD if it will be 4-6, 5-6, 5-8
        - Ongoing review of locations and reno v. new build decision
    - 2026-2027 calendar to be determined in Jan meeting
- Treasurer's Report
    - Spirit wear – net: ~$1k
    - Zesty's Dine-to-Donate, October – net: $1100
    - UML, November - ~$1k
    - Movie night candy will even out after additional movie nights
    - Roller Kingdom deposit paid
    - Bank interest accruing
    - 4th grade activities fee line is placeholder and not PTO money
    - Due: Bostom Symphony Orchestra, Sam Drazin
    - Last meeting approved shifts in CD accounts
        - Shifts not able to be completed, auto-renewals completed
    - New treasurer needed!!
- Upcoming Events/Fundraisers
    - Family Engagement night – Jan 13
    - Crafternoon – Jan 31 - Tiny Tiles Mosaic coasters - $20
        - Free crafts also available
    - Dine-to-donate – Feb 5 – 110 Grille/Evviva Trattoria – sister restaurants, simultaneous?
        - Other ideas: Pressed Café
    - Globe Trotters – Feb 14 – already over 100 tickets sold
    - Roller Kingdom – Feb 16 (Mon during vacation)
        - Pre-registration preferred
        - Early reservations - $8 with skate rental/$5 with own skates/if just attending but not skating free but RSVP
        - $10/$7 at the door if available
    - UML hockey – Mar 7 – 6PM v. BU
    - Free movie night – Jan 23 – Lilo & Stitch - reservation link to go home this week
    - Ride to School raffle with Officer Sullivan and Ozzie – details to come, hoping for January
- Looking for volunteers
    - Basket Raffle – March – May 2026 - need shadow(s) to learn to head event
    - Sunshine dance – May 2026 (16th?) - need shadow(s) and committee members