

- **PTO Meeting – Tech. Lab. – January 13, 2025 – Call to order at 7:07PM**
- **Attendees: J. Ramalho, T. Gilbert, A. Cakounes, S. Sullivan, C. Cooper, E. Hubbard, Liz Haugher, Lesley Yanka, Kerry MacDonald, Audrey Schwinn, Kate Fredette, Brenna Thornton, Chrystal Begay, Diana Lebeaux, Sarah Maggio, Rakesh Sah, Melinda Gonyea, Rashmi Rao**
- **Motion to adjourn: 8:15 – L. Haugher, seconded: B. Thompson**
- Minutes from November meeting, Mot. To Appr.: K. Fredette, Second: L. Haugner
- Staff Spotlight: Lesley Yanka, Math Specialist, SR and Center; YankaL@chelmsford.k12.ma.us
 - Be curious activity
 - Professional Development, Curriculum and Instruction Guidance, Provide Resource, Analyze Data
 - Options: Co-teaching, Observation, Data Dive, Math Talk, Materials/Strategies and Models, Model Lesson, Brainstorm Session, Differentiation, Something Else?
 - Not an interventionist, but works with interventionists
- School Committee Update, Diana Lebeaux
 - Town's capital planning committee approved our recommended projects to go to town meeting for approval: secure entry way at SR and other elementary schools (consistent with other Chelmsford schools)
 - Approved policies around decarbonization and EVs first consideration; Dec. 29
 - Ability to become one of the top green communities in state which makes us eligible for certain grants
 - School calendar for 2025-2026 is available
 - Kindergarten Registration is this month
 - Parker Middle School replacement project: moved forward to feasibility phase a few months early
 - Fall 2026 potential vote to approve new middle school design
 - Likely that this year's kindergarteners might be some of the first to go in
 - Might lead to reconfiguration of 4-6 or 5-8 grade
 - Old building would be removed; infrastructure challenges + relying on modular buildings that are nearing end of life
 - Chelmsford Council of Schools: Katie Greer, performing arts center Jan 23
 - Digital Safety
 - Town of Chelmsford is in difficult financial position for 2025-2026 school year
 - \$2.5 million deficit possible
 - Might affect schools among other public offices; implications currently unclear; hopefully schools will not bear the brunt of it
 - School Committee will heavily scrutinize budget proposals and resource allocation
 - May have to look at charging fees and reducing redundancies
- J. Ramalho and T. Gilbert, December:
 - Yay cookie dash – Teach appreciation
 - Annual events and volunteer opportunities
 - Health screenings
 - Enrichment magnets
 - Whole school reward for Pride Tickets – move down day
 - Theme song Thursday – students call into the office to request songs

- J. Ramalho and T. Gilbert, January:
 - Kindness Day
 - Tie Dye Day
 - Kind Act – Kindness challenge week – mainly in school
 - Winter Activities week with specials
 - Professional Development tomorrow
 - Reveal math program
 - February will focus on SEL, interventions, community block etc.
 - Assessment month – iReady parent report to come out in Feb.
 - Family Engagement Night – January 29 – Digital Safety, ADHD/Anxiety
- Treasurers Report
 - Incoming funds: Lifetouch for school photos, Raise Right app, Hannaford rebate program, Zesty's, bank interest
 - Outgoing funds: Pawtuxet Museum, Feb 7
 - Events: Roller Kingdom Night
 - Tax return due January 15; no accountant, file 990N instead of 990EZ and save \$600+, need to doublecheck bylaws – required to have the accountant file?
 - Council of Public Schools got a letter from the IRS – owed money, filed tax return late; accountant delayed 2024 tax return by a couple weeks – planning to write a letter to provide explanation
- Unrelated plug: Open town meeting rep. spots
- Feedback: Events, Enrichments, & Fundraising
 - Cookie Dash, teacher appreciation: over 900 cookies; donated extra to after school staff and bus drivers + fire and police
 - Consider trying to coordinate cookie dash with other schools to alleviate baking burden
 - Enrichments: 2nd grade: Len Cabral; 4th grade: Reggie Laurant art workshop
 - Dine to Donate fundraiser
- Council of Chelmsford Schools virtual meeting – Weds. Jan 15, 7PM - Quorum needed
- Looking ahead:
 - K enrichment – Mike Bent magician, Jan 22
 - Winter Crafternoon – Jan 25, 1-3
 - Roller Kingdom – Feb 2, 6-8 - \$8/skater, \$5 if no skates, non-skater free
 - If 60 people rent skates, a portion of the concessions comes back to us
 - Volunteers needed for check-in
 - Scholastic Book Fair – March 17-21 – during library – volunteers needed
 - Set up Thursday before; Friday is teacher preview, parents can donate
 - Family shopping night + game – potentially Weds March 19
 - Planning to start this month
 - C. Begay – Movie night Jan 31
 - B. Thompson
 - Thursday, Jan 23, 3:45, first multicultural planning session
 - STD – April 5, 2025 12/1ish – 3
 - + Mrs. Kellerman
 - 4th grade Tshirt design was approved today
 - Middle school fundraiser – tissues, sanitizer, paper towels
 - Center school did it, got negative feedback