

Colonial Park PTO Meeting Minutes, February 2022

Principal's Report

School is going back to no masks on February 28, although masks are strongly encouraged for school participants who are not vaccinated. We will also go back to round tables in cafeteria. Teachers and staff decided as a school to forego field trips this year and focus on enrichments instead.

Fourth Grade Plans

June 3 event (not an ice breaker)

Nature's Classroom traveling program hopefully Whip Hill.

Monday June 6 visit Middle school, probably using a bus.

Wednesday June 8 Moving On Ceremony most likely indoors therefore no rain date necessary

February is ST Math Challenge. Julie Palterman is leading this and is helping staff use the challenge to help how they use the program.

JiJi penguin plush from amazon

MCAS 3rd and 4th Grades

ELA April window week of April 11 (4th Grade April 11 and 13)

(3rd grade April 12 and 14)

Math 4 May (4th Grade May 9 and 11), (3rd Grade May 10 and 12)

Mrs Haesy Vice Principal's Report

Attendance : who is present, absent, tardy with help of Mrs Lapery and Mrs Faughnan

Trying to support families. Looking for patterns. Communication, except if Covid-related (nurse).

Consistency is key. Email first. 5 absences, 10 tardies.

Jenn thanked Mrs Flynn, Mrs Haesy and Mrs Sylvester and Mrs LeDonne for being out during drop off in all weather. Mrs Flynn says drop off now much smoother, Mrs Haesy finds it so fun seeing everybody. Ryan offered air traffic control sticks etc if needed, umbrellas etc.

Mrs Crowley Teacher's Report

Thanks to all the staff and PTO for making things so much smoother and pleasant

MCAS and Moving On

Project in her classroom to have pictures of each child with mask on, pictures with mask off. Mrs Crowley will continue to wear hers to make students feel included if they need to wear theirs.

MCAS Bootcamp has started with lots of hard work. Samples of tests soon.

Moving On music ideas and routines.

Treasurer Report (Mandy)

Some good fundraisers. Second place in Coats for Kids drive, which won us \$500 for library books. Mrs LeDonne has a list and needs \$511.

Teacher reimbursements and appreciation items

Corey the Dribbler paid. He is coming on Thursday.

Very generous Giving Tuesday employer match from a fourth grade parent.
Ryan reiterated that we can help with 501(c)3 forms etc if required.

Enrichments (Jenn)

Corey the Dribbler Thursday, Harlem Globetrotter with positive message, highly recommended by RH and South. He asked if school has any themes right now and Mrs Flynn informed "kindness"

Preschool puppet show Lindsay Aucela. Rescheduled from January, coming in May, possibly outdoors.

Theresa Gritti art enrichment. Frequent flyer at CP. K-4, hour with each grade, painting. We will need parent volunteers. March 16 and March 18.

Author visit Brian Lies, March 25, Mrs Flynn recommended because he did amazing job at RH. We should try and reach out to Mrs LeDonne to see if we already have any books. We could purchase some and highlight them during library class.

Vote to Move Funds

Move Field trip buses and funds to enrichments. Make classroom enrichments \$1000 per grade, move field trip funds to school-wide enrichment.

Jenn makes motion, Mandy seconded. Everyone in favor.

Fourth Grade Moving On Committee Update

Researching fundraiser for school gift eg mascot costume, picnic bench

Fun Run

May 27, raised \$30,000 last time, great school community event for students and families.

Working with South and Robin Hood to have fun runs on the same day. Working to collaborate on resources with sponsorship packages so we don't step on toes.

Lots of work involved. Teacher committee for school excitements and assemblies with Miss Jean, Ms Surabian, Mr Bailey, and Parent committee. Mandy and Karine already volunteered. Prizes for fundraising at different levels.

Such a successful fundraiser is so beneficial because it really dials back on the small fundraisers, and gives flexibility for extra things the school may need.

Priscilla asked are there pledges, a certain amount of laps? No, you don't have to run too many times. It is in the field. Fun laps. Flat donation for participation through a website.

Everybody got a t-shirt (last time was rainbow) with a Group picture.

Fundraisers

Cupcake City in Reading. Nico from First Grade won design contest with a Zombie Head creation. 37 ideas, vote on Facebook. Pink brain frosting, lime green cupcake with raspberry filling, chocolate sprinkles around the edge. Preorders recommended.

Ceramica Feb 18. Early release day. 15% back between 12-4.

Trivia Night March 5 with all three elementary PTOs joining forces. Adult only. Teachers will have a table sponsored by each PTO. Bring your own food. Tables seat 10, come as a team or join a table on the night. Cash bar. Raffles. Door Cash Prize from Marie Presti.

Passive Fundraiser

Shutterfly, AmazonSmile, Mabel's Labels, Box Tops

Bay State Textile Bins we received \$1367 in September

Evie wants to know will there be a challenge in March. Mrs Flynn and Mrs Hahesy will start thinking now.

Next meeting Tuesday March 15

ATTENDEES

Elizabeth Benbow	Heather Macone	Jessica Gerke	Karine Dalton
Katie Hahesy	Mandy Magee	Molly Crowley	Rosa Flynn
Ryan Tollefson	Susan Palmacci	Tiffany Dennen	Jenn Khodush
Karine Dalton	Priscilla Johnson		