

OPR PAC Meeting, February 16, 2017

1. Acceptance of minutes from Jan. 2017 meeting. Motion made. Minutes accepted.
2. Treasurer's Report (Lara Huempfner)
 - Gingerbread Festival netted \$6,700
 - Jimmy's Pizza night brought in \$272
 - January SOHD brought in \$1,900
 - PAC purchased Junior Great Books for 2nd grade (\$248)
 - PAC paid the annual license fee for Understanding Our Differences (\$250)
3. Current School Business (Mr. Fortin)
 - For the February half day, teachers in grades 3-5 will be working on MCAS 2.0 preparation.
 - MCAS will begin before April vacation and continue through mid May. The exam is similar to PARRC, but there will be more emphasis on writing. The exam will be taken on Chromebooks. ELA will have 3 sessions and math will have 2 sessions. Students will only take 1 session per day.
 - David Barner was appointed new principal effective 7/1/2017. Those who participated in the site visit to his current school were very impressed. He will be invited to attend a PAC meeting in April or May.
 - NEAP testing was completed on 2/3. Students indicated it was easier than MCAS. More info: <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>
 - Make a Wish Spelling Bee for grades 3-5 will be held on 3/29. Kids are very excited. Registration forms are available in the office and donation material will be sent home after Feb. vacation.
 - STEM nights booked for 3/2 for 4th (Lara Huempfner) and 4/6 for grades 2 and 3 (Rachel Mulligan). Super Secret Science will be doing program again. Event will be PAC sponsored. Sign up online at PAC website.
 - Kindergarten Registration for 2017/18 school year thus far is 55 full day and 10 half day. We typically add 5-10 students prior to the first day. There will no longer be a separate half day class. Half day students will leave at lunch time from the full day class. Parents were not happy about having all half day students at one school, so they will try to have a natural split happen around lunch.
 - There is an active parent group trying to work with the town to reduce K tuition and eventually eliminate it. The next meeting is with the Finance Committee to come up with a 3 yr plan. The goal is to reduce payments by \$1000 a year until it can be implemented at no cost.
 - Mr. Fortin discussed parent dismissal notes. He would like to see a standard booklet of dismissal notes go home to each family at the beginning of the year. Notes come in and are barely legible and/or on scraps of paper. The booklet will include all the details to fill out for the change in dismissal. There was discussion on whether it should be electronic or not.
4. Current School Needs (Mr. Fortin)
 - The Gaga Pit is great. In spring, we will meet with head of Parks & Rec Dept. to discuss options other than mulch.

- Mark Romeo installing the new speaker system in the cafeteria. We are on track to have it installed for the pancake breakfast.

5. PAC Business

- Volunteers still needed for:
 - 5/19 Stay on the Half Day - need volunteers run program. Each event makes several thousand dollars for PAC. Anyone interested, please let the PAC board know.
- We have asked an artist to design a mural for one wall in the gym. It would include a hawk and will say, "fly high with OPR pride" on it. Over April vacation, we will have a coloring contest as part of the design.

5. Events/Fundraisers

- 3/11 Pancake breakfast (Judith Stanton)/Consignment sale (Erica Young).
- 3/2, 4th Grade STEM night at 6:30. Sign up online at PAC website.
- 3/22 Jump-a-thon for American Heart Association from 4:00-5:30pm.
- 3/29 Make a Wish Spelling Bee for grades 3-5 at 3:15pm.
- 4/6, 2nd/3rd Grade STEM night at 6:30. Sign up online at PAC website.
- 5/21 Fun Run on Sun, 5/21, 9:00 AM. (Judy Stanton)
- 5/25 Red Sox Game. \$35 a ticket. (Amy Smith)

Next PAC meeting 3/23 at 7:00pm.

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