OPR PAC Meeting, November 19, 2015

Start time 7:04pm

* Acceptance of the October 2015 minutes. Minutes accepted.
* TREASURERS REPORT
* The budget currently looks like it is negative, however we are waiting for final expenses from recent fundraisers. We have also paid out deposits for upcoming events.
* Students Subsidies is for activities and supplies for students who cannot afford those expenses. Not much has been used, so Mrs. Scarlatta will make sure teachers know that there is money to subsidize student activities and/or expenses relating to activities.
* New mats ordered for the front playground under the swing sets. Swings were lowered, but are still too high. The mats and additional mulch should fix this problem.
* PAC BUSINESS
* Gingerbread Festival (Nicole Bock, Brooke McMillan)
* Volunteers still needed. A coordinator for the gym and volunteers for the holiday gift store.
* Wristband Pre-Sales are $15 per child, no tickets are needed except for raffles and sleigh ride. Price will increase for wristbands sold the day of.
* Classroom $1 Raffle Baskets – emails sent out to parents by room parents.
* Gingerbread Cafe will feature breakfast foods and a hot chocolate bar.
* $5 raffle has received donations from many local businesses.
* “Gingerbread Man” Sleigh Rides will be $2 and not included in wristband.
* CURRENT SCHOOL BUSINESS
* MCAS Information
* There will be a new standardized test for 2017, MCAS 2.0, which is a hybrid of PARC and MCAS. By 2019, all schools in MA will use MCAS 2.0. School committee will decide in Dec. as to which test Walpole will use in 2016.
* MCAS 2.0 will only include ELA and Math. Ccience will continue to be MCAS, the state is moving towards a statewide science program similar to Common Core.
* MCAS 2014 Results
* Goal system wide is to have 80% of kids finish advanced or proficient.
* ELA (grades 3, 4 and 5), 81% of students scored in proficient and advanced. Results similar to last year. We did see a slight increase in kids scoring in advanced. OPR did well above state average which is 75%.
* Math - Teachers have spent considerable time working on math. Overall, OPR had 40% score in advanced and 43% in proficient for a total of 83% verses 79% last year. 66% is the state average.
* Science - Meghan Kelly and the 5th grade teachers are to be commended for their efforts in science prep. MCAS science questions are cumulative from K-5th grade. 56% of our students scored in advanced and 32% in proficient for a total of 88%. 88% is well above what we have done in years past.
* Hour of Code program from 12/7 - 12/13. It is an online program encourage interest and understanding programming and writing software. Hope to get as most classrooms to participate. [www.hourofcode.com](http://www.hourofcode.com).
* Math Professional Development - Teachers are working outside of the classroom with consultant, Christine Moynihan. Teachers are also attending a course with Allison Mello the Math Coordinator in Foxboro.
* Giving Fund is still in need of donations.
* Author Scott Savage spoke with grades 3-5 about the writing process. This was a no cost program through Barnes & Noble.
* Cultural Arts (Marie Schmidt, Danni Curitore, Kate Murray) schedules assemblies throughout the year related to math, science, history and as much arts as possible. The assemblies are tied in with curriculum. PAC contributes $8500 for cultural arts.
* Assemblies planned for the rest of the year - Boston Improv, Chinese Acrobat, Len Cabral a storyteller for black history month, and Scott SanGiancomo an illustrator for Curious George books. Would like to find a music program for an assembly.
* 2016 Kindergarten - Preliminary numbers have OPR at approximately 64 students.
* FUNDRAISERS

Past:

* + OPR Clothing Orders are in and have been sent home.
  + OPR BOX TOPS (Emelinda Marrero) fall submission earned $430. Next submission 3/16.
  + OPR Yankee Candle Results (Denise Sullivan, Christine Schlittler).
  + OPR OCTOBER Restaurant Night - Conrads made $250.
  + OPR Muse Paint Bar Nights (2) made $1000 between the 2 paint nights.
  + OPR Bake/No Bake Sale (Jeannine Burke/Liz Scott) made $230.
  + OPR Scholastic Book Fair (Colleen Gray/Megan Finn) $5400 in total sales. We earned$3000 for books and media center supplies.
  + OPR Apple of my Eye Dance (Rachel Mulligan/Maureen Connors) went well. Hoping next year to do something to get more 4th and 5th graders to attend.

Upcoming:

* + OPR Stay on the Half Day – Wednesday 11/25/15 (Amy Smith) - Need additional middle/high school volunteers.
  + OPR Water Bottles (Lara Huempfner) on sale at Gingerbread Festival.
  + OPR Spirit Clothing (Edith Cunningham) will be available for sale at Gingerbread Festival.
  + OPR Barnes & Noble Book Fair (Joyce Clifford, Kate Skypeck) Monday 12/14/15.
  + OPR NOVEMBER Restaurant Night – The Chateau
  + OPR DECEMBER Restaurant Night - Friendlies
  + OPR “Kids” Paint Fundraiser at Heartworks Studio. 2 paint times for 20 kids. Will be announced next week.

**No PAC Meeting in December**

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding PAC.

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