

3/11/26

PTO Board	In Person	Online
Karen Perkins Brigitte Richards Amber Dupell Stephanie Lupien Amber Houle	Wayne Lupien Leanne Lovell Jon Eaton	India Eadie Chrislyn Newton

Start time: 6:02 pm

Secretary Report:

Treasurer Report:

School News:

- Half Day April 15th - Dismissal at 11:30am
 - No AM PreK
 - Lunch will be served before dismissal
- April Vacation is April 20-24
- After School Program Winter Session ends 3/20/26
 - Showcase on March 20th
 - Curl up with Cocoa and Creativity
 - Afternoon of writing, reading, and art
 - Cocoa and Brownies will be served
 - Over 50 kids attend each day. Come see what they have been working on in the program.
- After School Program - Spring Session
 - Begins 3/23/26
 - Packets went home today
- Classes can always use
 - Tissues
 - Paper Towels
 - Sanitizer
 - Disinfecting Wipes
 - Expo Markers
 - Pencils

Funds Requests

- 3rd Grade - In School Field Trip - Playful Engineers May 21st, requesting \$1200.00. Three sessions consecutively, one in each classroom all in one day. Interactive and hands on workshop.

- Motion made - Leanne Lovell
- Second - Amber Dupell
 - Yes - 6 in person
- Field Day
 - Popsicles for the students for Field Day
 - 525 - dye free as well as sugar free popsicles for the kids that need different popsicles
 - Leanne - Motion
 - Jon - Second
 - Yes - 6 in person
- 1st Grade - Dinosaur workshop - In school field trip. The Acton Discovery Center will come to the school to set up a dinosaur workshop for the students. It includes digging for fossils and other dinosaur related hands on activities for the students. Requesting just under \$700. March 17th - three sessions, rotating through one for each classroom.
 - Leanne - Motion
 - Amber Dupell - Second
 - 6 yes in person
- 6th Grade - This year is more difficult in planning a field trip. There is a high expectation for the 6th grade field trip. We have tried to uphold it, but it has become less manageable with the rising costs. We have been rethinking the plan this year, given our fundraising model - 6th grade raffle during STEM night, we run a Dexter Cafe every Friday morning (\$500)
 - Two options we are floating right now
 - hosting a 6th grade carnival day at the school - a day of fun for the kids out on the field, purchase class tshirts and do tie dye, bounce house, relay, etc. We have connections and plans if we default to this.
 - We are also waiting to hear back from Interstate 91. 2 hour commitment, short trip at the Hadley Mall, some kids are getting back into skating. Waiting to hear back from them. If that works out we may like to do something short with the kids for their trip. Do fun things at the school when they come back.
 - 3 activities while down there? Interskate? A movie? - maybe not for 6th grade. Not requesting formal funding quite yet, but hopefully the kids will be happy with whatever we come up with.
 - We just learned we could take one of each of the posters from the Book Fair. We could hold a raffle for the poster? 2 chances for a \$1? The kids love the posters, could be a way to raise a few more funds. Some 6th grade students could set it up and run the program.
 - The kids are flexible with the plans this year.
 - Question: Amber Dupell - "How many students are there in 6th grade this year?"
 - There are a lot of kids. Started with 75 and have about 70 now. Mahar has two van buses, but we are not allowed to use them.
 - We also have the Spaghetti Supper fundraiser still
 - We also have the Deans Beans and Butter Braid fundraisers

- We are planning for some time in May - during the school day.
- MCM is the 30th of March - April
- 5th grade - Fort #4 and New England Rendezvous - \$2,850
 - The only school that goes on that day. Each student gets a certificate to go back with their families.
 - Motion - Jon
 - Second - Amber Dupell
 - Yes - 6 in person

Old Business

- Read A Thon
 - Raised \$2170 - we receive \$1736
 - 27,135 Minutes read for the school total
 - 67 accounts activated - 525 Students in the school
 - In the packet, you can request sponsorship from local businesses. We don't usually get anything back, maybe next year we can try and do it personally.
- Hat Day Fundraiser - ongoing but has slowed down in engagement
 - Hats not hoods
 - Post reminders in the school, send an email home
 - The last Friday of the month
- Grade Level Fundraiser Totals
 - Pre K - \$1
 - K - \$1762
 - 1 - \$75
 - 2 - \$60
 - 3 - \$66
 - 4 - \$94.75
 - 5 - \$1554.45 - They will get the full \$1500 match from the PTO
 - 6 - \$400 - They have two fundraisers that they normally do, later in the year

New Business

- Field Revamp Project
 - One thing starting - the after school program took on the job of building the Gaga Pit. Seniors now came to us when they were in 6th grade, and the project was paused because of the construction of the school. The students have requested that it be students that build it and not adults, they feel it's important for the kids to be involved. This has been student driven, student created, student edited,
 - A video was shown - "we have a problem"
 - There is nothing to do on the field area playground, "it doesn't feel fun anymore"
 - Time for a plan! - The gaga pit of greatness to make recess awesome
 - The video explained what Gaga ball is and how the game is played
 - This is a great opportunity for the students

- Funds request - \$1,500 - for supplies to build the Gaga pit.
 - Have presented to School Committee
 - Talked with Dr. Lewis and Mr. Fraleigh
 - Interviews Ms. Murphy and Jason
 - Presented to DESE for the Afterschool program
 - Supplies scheduled to come next week
 - Can be built in Jason's shed
- Motion made - Jon Eaton
- Second - Amber Dupell
- Approved
 - 6 in person, 4 online
- The afterschool program will purchase supplies and build the Gaga ball pit. To be donated to OES and kept on the grounds of OES.
- MCM Fundraiser - Butterbraid Bread and Rolls
 - Begins 3/30/26 - 4/13/26
 - Paired with Deans Beans Fundraiser.
 - All money raised through Deans Beans will go to benefit the 6th grade.

Upcoming Meetings

- Meeting in May
 - Elections
 - Voting our fund raisers
 - Please bring your ideas and your friends!