

PTO Meeting, Thursday September 22, 2016 8:20 AM

**Welcome: Jen Bookman and Vivian Sparacio**

**Treasurer's Report: Holly Mello, Wendy Fasciano**

Reviewed treasurer's report-

Overview of big fundraisers: Holiday Fair, ASP, Big Blue Bargains

Biggest expense is Cultural Enrichment

Made \$7800 in dues

Discussed PTO Credit Card- harder to manage versus reimbursement forms

**Principal's Report: Tom Daniels**

Smooth opening to the year

Thank you to Jen and Vivian for hard work and planning

Thank you for staff lunch

Thank you to Jenne Ford for "welcome back" coffee

Thanks to Dawn Thompson for help in office

Helping Hands is really appreciated

Thanks to PTO for the refrigerator for Teacher's Room- still working on getting it

Working on balanced learning via reader's and writer's workshops and math workshops

Crosswalk- while roads are under construction, parents may want to drive kids to school during this time

STEM: Catie Porter is taking a month to work on curriculum- working on getting materials for science

Math Team is going to be run through the After School Program

Library - there will not be a rotation. Mia Morgan is going to be at Hadley and Clarke, Janet Frasca will be at Stanley. Library will still be every other week.

Next Teacher's Workshop will be Lucy Calkins workshop- understanding by design- using an overarching question for more complex pedagogy

Effort to create buddy benches on playground- anti-bullying measure

Leader's Club is doing recycling- going to try to do the recycling more in the lunchroom- tell kids to bring home the plastics to recycle

Complaints that there is dog waste on the fields again- need to figure out way to get dog owners to clean up

**Cultural Arts: Becky White**

Working on the tried and true programs for this year:  
Approx. one assembly per month

Mark the Jump-Roper is coming next month (October)

Museum of Science- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade:  
3<sup>rd</sup> graders doing unit on weather and 4<sup>th</sup> graders are doing a geology workshop to fit with their curriculum

Jacqueline Davies , author, is coming in January

**Social Events: Alyssa Fafel**

This year's book fair is November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers will be needed.

Holiday Fair: Meeting first or second week of October to discuss ideas for activity booths, crafts, etc.

**ASP Update: (Jen Bookman)**

Candice is working on schedule- program will start sometime in October

**Fundraising: Reece Dahlberg**

Lots of programs- thinking of registering Stop and Shop card, Target cards, etc. for people at nighttime book fair, to make it easier

**Directory: Jen Bookman**

Meg O'Neill has done a great job of organizing and putting together the directory

**Big Blue Bargains: Sarah Hashikawa**

Need volunteers- the more we volunteer, the more money we get- earn approx. \$50 per hour volunteered for our school

**Beautification- Rebecca Metaxatos**

Mellisa Caplan and Rebecca will be cleaning up garden beds soon and decorating for fall

**Box Tops- Jen Bookman**

Katie will be running it this year

**Non-Fiction Reading Program- Sarah Hashikawa, Andrea Braham, Ariane Purdy**

Bought new books this year to replace books and to get new titles to replace the less popular books. Chose some books that align with common core, art titles, music books, etc. to appeal to a wider interest

**Upcoming Dates:**

**Fitness Walk- next Friday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>**

**International Walk to School to Day, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Trunk or Treat will be taking place next month- stay tuned for more paperwork, Sign-Up Genius, etc.**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 27 at 8:20 AM**