



# Perry Hill School PTO



Meeting Minutes: February 12, 2018 — 6:30 – 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Presidents' Report (Carey Tedesco subbing with notes from Cindy Kavasansky for old business)
3. Principal's Report (Mrs. Williams)
  - Staff Lunch in December appreciated
  - 2nd report cards done, next semester of clubs started
  - This week is random acts of kindness week
  - Spelling Bee begins tomorrow (2/13) Feb 27 classroom competition, March 21st in evening is final event.
  - Winter concert Wed (5th grade) & Thurs (6th grade) at 8:45 am (1 hour)
  - Feb 26th — Author Book for school
  - Feb 28th conferences — 3:15 - 4:15, March 1st & 8th from 6:00 - 8:00pm
  - Nutrition + Movement Challenge (weekly health challenges) Can follow Mrs. Williams on twitter for info
  - 3.99% increase in budget being asked for. instructional supply money, 1 to 1 chrome book initiative — 1 chrome book for each child in school. School of Innovation looking to expand to have 1 to 1. Kids would keep chrome books for tests, homework, etc. Half of Connecticut state schools have them. Need support of parent groups to go to the meetings/sent emails about the budget.
  - March 8th Board Alderman meeting at Town Hall. Public hearing? Can always email Board of Alderman to ask them to be in support of budget. Need our voices.
  - Field trip chaperones have to do background check. Volunteers will have to fill out a form to be approved.
  - Safeguarding PTO funds. — see form.
  - 5th grade going to Humphry House soon, 6th grade trip — May 30th
  - 6th grade celebration — June 7th last full Thursday of school
  - Last day of school est. 6/18
  - Field Day coming — no date yet
  - March 22<sup>nd</sup> — 6:30 PM: Shelton Youth Bureau hosting Internet Safety Night w/ Scott Driscoll at PHS library.
4. Treasurers' Report (Christina Puttock & Dena Renda):
  - Report provided by Treasurers
  - Income — coming in with fundraisers and Bingo
5. Teacher Representatives' Report (Deb Keller, Sandra Morrill, & Kristin Supan):
  - Mrs. Morrill: super busy time of year for kids. Bananagrams tournament happening now. Author units, Spelling Bee words. Lots of fun activities for Author visit. Parents can win lunch with author.
  - School involved with UCLA for ESL grant. Making kids feel more welcome. Going to have student run conferences small scale (going to pilot).
  - Accepted as a Best Buddies School. Working on set up.
  - Mrs. Dishian won award for Innovative Educator by District — going to be a monthly award.
  - Outdoor classroom: May 14th grand opening.
6. Fundraising Report (Kristine Re):
  - Otis Spunkmeyer fundraiser concluded. We'll get 30% of \$4882. March 8th distribution with conferences.
  - To be discussed with Cindy — next fundraiser either Chubby Chico, dine out night, or mixed bags
  - Spirit Wear to be offered in spring to 4th graders & school.
  - To be discusse with Cindy — sell pens along with yearbooks



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## 7. Old Business

- Bingo (to be run by Mary Sculla, Tracey Sedlock & Ann Weiss) — Ann Weiss Reporting:
  - Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> — 6:00-8:00 — doors open at 5:30
  - Buying prizes, Gioves \$750. for pizzas (same as last year)
  - \$1.00 admission, \$5 per bingo packet (10 games planned) will supply dabbers
  - Pre-order pizza will be available
  - Carey Tedesco added promo on website & Facebook page
- Spring Book Fair (run by Beth Boivin & Jenn Sanborn) — Jenn Sanborn reporting:
  - April 3<sup>rd</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup> — Buy one get one
  - Need to know what days each grade will attend and teacher sign up times.
  - We will be posting request for helpers
  - We will request library use from Mrs Conway for set up and fair dates.
  - PTO has \$2300 Scholastic Dollars to distribute to teachers. Mrs Williams to provide a complete list of names. Amount will be approx \$40-\$50 per teacher.
  - **We're in need of fifth grade parents to help with the book fair. We'd like to find parents who would be willing to chair both book fairs next year and shadow Beth Boivin and Jennifer Sanborn this year. Beth and Jen are moving to SIS next year.**
- Boxtops (Yelena Kiely & Andrea Palmieri): No report, no attendance.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration (Marcie Anderson, Mary Sculla, & Carrie Verrilli) — Date & time of event:  
Notes from CK:
  - Reminder that the event is 1.5 hours after school.
  - Cindy is asking if they have figured out whether they'll be using the SHS post prom decorations because they'll need to reach out and coordinate with the prom committee at the high school. Last year's organizers found it helpful to have the post-prom party decorations because the cafetorium is a really big space to decorate. Typically, the kids bring their yearbooks to have everyone sign them. Carey Tedesco will be there to sell additional yearbooks for \$20 each to sixth grade students only.
  - Reminder that the budget is \$500 (first year they've added a budget). And any extra fundraising and the cost per ticket should be factored in. Last year it was \$8 per ticket. \$10 was okay for this year.
- Yearbook — (Carey Tedesco) flyers with instructions on how to order will be going out soon.
- Website updates (Carey Tedesco) – email [carey@ctdesignlab.com](mailto:carey@ctdesignlab.com) for event promotion. Carey
- Plant Sale (Charlene Ferreira & Bruna Salvio) — Date of event: No report, no attendance.  
Notes from CK:
  - Reminder to plant sale chairs to follow up with ESS on combining purchasing of plants, if they haven't already. We don't have to, but Cindy asked that we respond either way.
- Hospitality — Staff Lunch & Spelling Bee (?): —  
Notes from CK:
  - We need 1-2 people to help. Spelling Bee should be easy. It's just setting up snacks and waters for kids to take on their way out of the Spelling Bee.
  - Spelling Bee: Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Staff Lunch: Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> — Laurie Maniero to do staff lunch
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Social (Charlene Ferreira & Bruna Salvio) — Date of event: No report, no attendance.  
Notes from CK:
  - May be too early to plan, but Cindy is asking the committee to start thinking about entertainment. She is recommending that we do NOT do the hula hoops this year because it was too chaotic. Perhaps a magician



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like last year. Cindy says we can be flexible as to the types of entertainment, but whatever they decide it should be set as an event.

## 8. New Business

- Walter Dunn — proposed International day/night. Willing to pay for it. Offering it as a fundraiser. To speak with Cindy and Carla. Walter proposing to have a committee. DL: Suggesting we do this next October. Estimated: 250 attended walk-a-thon. 250 attended Brain Challenge. Mrs. Williams to send out inquiry to see if there is interest. Appeared very frustrated to not have his agenda not accepted.
- Motioned to create a committee. No one seconded motion.
- International/Multicultural dinner. Demonstrations and food brought by different cultures. Organized by Mary Pagliero with principal at Sunnyside.

## 9. Unfinished Business: none.

## 10. Meeting Adjourned