

PTO Meeting Tuesday, September 17, 2019

PTO Board Members in attendance:

Lacey Biviano, Co-President

Kelly Keough – Co-Vice President

Kerry Devin – Co-Vice President

Tricia Moore – Co-Vice President

Amy Panasuk - Treasurer

Kate Carr – Secretary

Commence 7:05PM

Lacey Biviano and Kelly Keough Opening Remarks

- Welcome
- Introduced Amy Panasuk as Treasurer
- Introduce board and teacher reps

Nurse Mudge:

- Asks for any questions from the group (none)
- Discusses her protocols – sends notes home if children visit office
- Discusses pass system – where she sends notes back to teachers

Parents introduce themselves

Lacey Biviano –

- Welcome back to school luncheon – thanks to everyone who helped
- Thanks to Meg Hartwell, outgoing treasurer

Mrs. Cotreau - Principal Update

- Discusses this year's theme – Only One You - about being proud of who you are and turning it in to how we can make a difference in the world. There's a book about a fish who goes out in the world and the illustrator uses little fish rocks. The 5th graders went out and collected a bunch of

rocks. In Mrs. Young's art class, the students will create a unique rock and then we'll put them out at the entrance of the school.

- We moved everything electronically for records. Martinson has the lowest number of people who have responded on ASPEN. Only 21% of families have updated. Need all current info!
- Next week is photo day. Packets went home today with kids.
- Next week celebrating Hello Week. About helping us to make everyone feel included. Spirit days throughout the week. Monday everyone will have a Hello My Name is sticker, Tuesday is technology free day, Wednesday is wear your favorite tshirt and kids will ask why its their favorite shirt throughout the day, Thursday is Gratitude Day and kids will be signing gratitude posters in halls., Friday is school spirit day.
- Next month, Oct 2, is curriculum night.

Lacey Biviano –

- PTO Board Openings for 2020-2022 Term. We need a President, Vice President, and Secretary.
- Looking for Coordinators for the following
 - Fundraiser/ Sponsorship – Face of community for sponsorship. Nice to see same face.
 - Grant Writer – to help write grants.
 - Bake Sale Coordinator – helping to get people to sign up to bake or work the table.
 - Teacher Appreciation Week Coordinator – Someone to help that week
 - 5th Grade Events- Sarah Beck is heading this year.

Chantal Frenette (5th grade teacher) –

- In December there is a 5th grade breakfast. Celebrate the class and mix up the classes and go in each classroom and do a craft or game. They get their 5th grade tshirts that day.
- End of year 5th grade recognition in gym. Get yearbooks, have luncheon. Some fundraising goes along with that.

Kerry Devin –

- Ice Skating. New program starts Dec 26 – March 6. Pilgrim skating arena. Open to 50 families and \$50 per family for the three months. Funds go to PTO. 1:30-2:30PM on Thursdays.
- School store – different this year. Making more fun. Spirit socks, bags, Marshfield gear. Open once a month now. Last Friday of the month. MC to go out next week with price list. Need some volunteers too. Any suggestions of items you might want to see let Kerry know.

Lacey Biviano -

- Eliminate Dues this year to be a PTO Member. However, families need to join to vote- can join on PTboard.com. Form coming home asking if you want to join. Need 2/3 of a vote, that's why requiring parent to actually join.

Kelly Keough –

- PTBoard.com – trying to streamline all info. It's where we send out info, sign-ups, calendars, teachers use it. Want everyone to sign up. You can also view directory of entire class.

Lacey Biviano –

- Still will gladly take any and all monetary donations via check to MES PTO or via PTboard.com. One book one school, RAZ Kids, student enrichment, field trip busses are some of the things we fund.

Kelly Keough –

- Boosterthon will be the primary fundraiser for this year, replacing Fall Festival and Jog a Thon.
- Normally run on 30k to provide programs we run now. Fall Festival was a ton of work. Lacked on volunteers. Same with Jog A Thon. This company is our volunteer.
- 8 day fundraiser in school. Pep rally on day 1. (Week from Friday). Get some little gifts and kicks it off.
- Monday, Oct 4, staff is on site every day for eight days straight. Play music at recess. Character lessons during the lunch hour. Integrity, gratitude and selflessness are the themes. Goes with theme of school year. Also supports our teachers.
- Final day is Tuesday and that's the fun run. K-1 is one group, 2-3 one group and 4-5 one group. Run 30 to 35 laps around field (not track). Need about 8 volunteers to help. Our goal is to raise all funds for this year at this fundraiser. So everything is secure and funded.

Lacey Biviano –

- Goal is to be able to say yes to more requests and not always ask for fundraising.

Kelly Keough –

- Boosterthon donations are on an online platform. Share the info on social media. Donations can be made right online. Community model. Awards are for everyone, not specific to who raised the most money.
- Eames Way raised 28k and half our size.

- Mrs. Cotreau has experience with them at former schools.
- Program director went to school here.
- “Pumped up Paul” used to work with Jill.
- They will also come back to do things like DJ at reduced rates.
- Teachers will also have lessons given to them to keep the theme going throughout the year.
- Fun Run website is going up Friday at 8AM.

Lacey Biviano –

- We secured donations from local businesses and were able to purchase t-shirts for all of the students. “Miles for Martinson by Boosterthon”.

Parent Question –

Can grandparents donate just to the child? Will they see it’s going to him and how much he raised?

Kelly Keough -

- Yes. Students will have their own page, but the other students can’t see it.
- We’re Working on parent viewing area for the run. All are welcome to come and watch.
- Working on getting drone coverage to take pictures and video of the run.

Kerry Devin-

- MES Parents Night Out, September 24th 7-9pm Cask N’ Flagon.

Lacey Biviano –

- PTBoard has an app too. Can look up directory using the app. PTBoard.com in the app store.

Tricia Moore –

- **Passive Fundraisers**
 - Alyssa McGowen still doing Toy Box and Sky Zone.
 - Tricia has been reaching out to different stores and restaurants.
 - MON – 9/30 Sweet Frogs. 10% will go back to PTO.
 - Riva 10/16 4-9pm. Night of Harlem Wizards but hoping its a good take out night to grab pizza. 15% of sales to us from 4-close.
 - Others- Sweet Frogs 9/30 4-7pm, KKaties - Nov TBD date, Chipotle (Hingham) Dec 4th 4-8pm Possible night in spring at Levitate REXICANA.
 - Any ideas let her know. Community building. Had at Lil Dukes passive as they are super supportive.

- Amazon Smile – percentage will go to us.

Kelly Keough –

- If you do Amazon from your phone, open safari and go to Smile.amazon.com and you can sign up and make Martinson your home. Click little book and say Save to Home Screen and then everything you order will give money back to Martinson.

Lacey Biviano -

- A+ Rewards, Stop and Shop card registration
- Box Tops – did brackets last year. Not sure about this year. Changing to an electronic model now, where you need to scan the box label.
- Sixpence app – looking in to that. Rounds up purchases.
- Harlem Wizards – giving us \$3/ticket sold on presale tickets. Looking for a team of teachers to play against the players.

Alyssa McGowen -

- Alyssa McGowan scheduling enrichment for grades 3-5.
- Whitney Stuhler doing grades K-2
- Alyssa scheduled – MOS for grades 3-5
- 3rd grade no longer goes to Plymouth Plantation. This year they're having a member of the Wampanoag tribe come here and work with the 3rd graders.
- Historical perspectives comes every year. She presents a historical perspective on history for 4-5 grades.
- Power app by Eversource coming.
- Kim Spires, yoga instructor to come back. She went to every class. Would like to do before MCAS to relax.

Parent question – Is it possible to get Danny Church back to discuss First Aid?
 Kate Carr - Offers Chris Carr to possibly take his place if Alyssa doesn't think he can do it again.

- Mathnasium – pitched to come on Thursday afternoon but needed parent volunteers and offered a percentage back if parents joined. He wants to find a way to be involved.

Lacey Biviano –

- **Retirements**
 - Denise Stockbridge in Jan
 - Mrs. Hackett in Nov

Parent comment - Photo day was incorrect day on initial e-mail.
Lacey Biviano – It's now fixed in PTBoard, but the e-mail title had wrong date.
Also working on fixing the times on the calendars in PTBoard.

Amy Panasuk – Budget Review

See attached spreadsheet.

Parent comment – Is there a reason kids can't play football or run around playground structures? Where are the soccer nets?
Marcy Concannon – Believes the soccer nets were taken away when the child got seriously hurt a couple of years ago. No idea about the football or running.
More of a teacher question.

Parent Comment - What about the PTO supplying a ball bin?
Lacey Biviano to look in to it.

Tricia Moore –

- One last thing about Boosterthon goals. Digital learning would be a huge advantage to use funds from Boosterthon.
- Green screens, 3D printers and touch screens to make learning more alive.
- Coding and programs for artists and journalists, Robotics, CAD, etc. This is what your money is going towards.

Lacey Biviano –

- PTO e-mail is ptomartinson@gmail.com. Please use that e-mail for any PTO related questions or concerns.
- Future PTO Meetings Dates 7pm MES Café:
 - November 5th
 - January 14th
 - March 10th
 - May 19th

Meeting Ends: 8:32PM