

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 10, 2023 - 6:30PM AT SWEETSIR SCHOOL
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: PTO SECRETARY: JACLYN KELLEY
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MERRIMAC PTO MEMBER MEETING	
MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	Jaclyn Kelley, Tracy DeCresenzo, Krista Niles, Sarah Elwell, Maxine McGoldrick, Dawn Ackerman, Amanda Merrifield

**TREASURY
REPORT**

Financial Status Update by Tracy DeCresenzo

- **Budget review:**
 - Balance as of 2/14/2023 \$22,019
 - **Money Raised:**
 - Dance Admissions- \$5,026
 - Flatbread Fundraiser- \$471
 - Bookstore- \$2,356
 - Spirit Wear Payments- \$245
 - Parent donation- \$47
 - Paypal giving fund- \$2

Total Cash In- \$8,147

- **Expenses:**
 - Website fees- \$137
 - Read-a-thon proceeds - books from Amazon- \$501
 - Read-a-thon proceeds - KDO program- \$1,250
 - Appropriations- \$482
 - Dance- \$395
 - Senior Celebration-\$250
 - Read-a-thon 2023 expenses-\$258
 - Bookstore purchases-\$1,376
 - Spirit Wear Purchase-\$88
 - Field Trip -\$1,300
 - Refreshments at meeting-\$40
 - 6th grade sweatshirts-\$1,860

Total Cash Out- \$7,938

Balance: \$ 22,229

Operating Budget \$ 14,297

Remaining 2022 Read- A- Thon Proceeds- \$7,932

- **Holds/Commitments:**
 - Pizza Kits (Estimated)- \$520
 - Book Store (Estimated) -\$800
 - 6th Grade Trip- (\$1,000)
 - Staff Appreciation (Estimated)- (\$1,500)
 - Nurse for 3rd grade trip- (\$160)
 - Little Caesars- \$24
 - Mabel's Labels- \$56
 - Cookie Kits- \$76
 - King's Day Out- \$161
 - Read-A-Thon- \$15,000

Total \$13,979

HOT TOPICS

- **Override**
 - Julie King attended the meeting and stated that significant cuts will be made if the override does not pass. A few of these include transportation to and from school if you live ½ a mile or less from school,sports, decrease in staff, etc..

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is a meeting on April 24th to vote to get the override on the ballot. $\frac{2}{3}$ of the towns need to pass, or \$860,000 will need to come out of the town budget. The Pentucket Budget Website will show the tax increase for people who are interested in having this information. ● Teacher Appreciation Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tracy proposed celebrating teacher appreciation week during the week of 5/8-5/12. There was a concern about this interfering with MCAS Testing, so there is a possibility it will switch to the next week. Mrs. Niles will check with Mrs. Dembro to see which week would be best. ● Appropriations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Guidance team requested a book for Unique Week (approved) ○ A Second Grade Teacher requested some portable lap desks.(approved) ○ 6th Grade Field Trip- asking for \$1,000 (approved) ○ 6th Grade Sweatshirts- This year the PTO decided to switch to sweatshirts instead of t-shirts for their 6th Grade students at the end of the school year.. There was a bunch of positive feedback from parents because they felt that it united the 3 towns. W. Newbury, Groveland, and Merrimac all did the same for their 6th Grade Students. ● Unique Week Recap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kids and staff both loved this week! A suggestion came up of doing it at another time of year since there was a lot going on. This could possibly be tied into the beginning of the year, with an "All About Me" Theme.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yearbook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More photos are needed to put the year book together. Mrs. Niles is going to ask teachers to send photos to the PTO. ○ The PTO is aiming to keep the price at \$25 for up to 80 pages. ○ The yearbook will be delivered by June 1st to the student's home. ○ 6th Grade art contest will take place for the front and back cover. 1st place will go to the front cover, and 2nd place will go to the back cover. ○ An idea of creating a fund for extra yearbooks for kids who need assistance was discussed. The Guidance Counselors will be contacted to discuss the best way to approach this. ● Field Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Field Day is scheduled for 6/9 with a rain date of 6/12. ○ Mrs. Dupre will create a design for a t-shirt. ○ A Field Day Committee will be formed for planning purposes. ● Ice Cream Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nancy will take the lead on this event.. ○ The Ice Cream Social will be held during the week of 6/5-6/9. Mrs. Niles will reach out to Ms. Dembro to see which date would be best.
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The Next PTO meeting will take place on May 8, 2023 at the Sweetsir School at 6:00PM