

MERRIMAC PTO MEETING MINUTES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ON 04/09/2018	
4/9/2018	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Meeting called by	Nancy Lombart – Vice President
Type of meeting	Executive Board Meeting
Note taker	Sara Vendshus
Attendees	Sarah Gilmore, Nancy Lombart, Jon Bartholomew, Cheryl Burkinshaw, Brienne Walsh, Sara Vendshus, Russell Marino
ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:	
Conducting Meeting:	Nancy Lombart
BOOSTERTHON RECAP:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Boosterthon fundraiser. Overall it went well. Events all ran smoothly, and Principal Marino was glad for the help of Boosterthon employees. Met and EXCEEDED our monetary goal of \$18,000. Expecting total profit of \$19,500. Jon currently has approximately \$32,000 in the bank and is expecting another deposit Tuesday 4/10. He will then need to make a payment to the Boosterthon company of 50% of the total profit. Run was fun for the kids, and the teachers commented it was less disruptive than they anticipated. Volunteers were happy to help, but said it was a little chaotic to track laps.
BOOSTERTHON FUNDRAISER IN THE FUTURE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potentially if we have more volunteers running it we could decrease our cost and increase our profit, but it would only be a small percentage increase. It would also require a larger volunteer base. The Boosterthon company recommend holding this fundraiser every year consecutively in an effort to keep teachers and parents aware of how it works, and so kids can look forward to each year. We have one week to decide if we'd like to reserve the same week in March for the next school year. Principal Marino suggested reserving a date in May for the logistical purposes of holding run outside.
POSSIBLE ALLOCATION OF EXCESS FUNDS:	<p>INPUT FROM PRINCIPAL MARINO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideally it would be beneficial to have technology based tools to help students in their education. The dream is to have a 1:1 or 2:1 ratio of students to chrome books at Donaghue & Sweetsir. Chrome books are ideal because it's an easier resource for teachers to utilize and include in their teaching plans knowing they will be available as a resource to use. Currently the schools have 99 at Donaghue and 54 at Sweetsir (most are prioritized to title I students). There are so few that the carts sometimes have to be transported from one school to another to be used during testing for grade levels. ☹ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHROMEBOOKS: We could fill the carts at both schools if we could purchase 48 chrome books. Estimated total cost would be \$12,588 (so \$262.25 each fully loaded with software & purchased thru school). SMART BOARD: The incoming kindergarten class could use a new board. Cost is approx. \$2,500 I-PAD FOR MEDIA ROOM: Sue is putting together a media room with a green screen, utilizing i-movie, and already has everything she needs, except an i-pad. HEADPHONES: An additional 24 headphones would be useful. Principal to look into further. UPDATED BOOKS: Our library is full of old books that have been around for several decades. Would be wonderful to allocate funds toward purchasing new books (possibly from scholastic?) Perhaps if Boosterthon is run again next year, we could have updated books in our library as the goal...
OTHER NOTES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday 4/11 at 6:00pm. Principal Marino approved a table for parents to be recruited for the PTO. Finalization of allocations to be determined at our next member meeting.

NEXT MEETING IS 2ND WED OF THE MONTH, APRIL 11TH @ 6:30PM