

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2020 - 6:30PM AT: FREDERICK N. SWEETSIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: PTO PRESIDENT - NANCY LOMBART
 MEETING MINUTES TAKEN BY: SARA VENDSHUS

MERRIMAC PTO MEMBER MEETING

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	Sara Vendshus, Beth Villani, Theresa Nunes, Rachel White, Julie Walton, Cheryl Burkinshaw, Kate Byrne, Meghan Marlowe, Nancy Lombart, Lisa Manni, Glennys Bistany, Pam Burke, Ken Kelley
TREASURY REPORT	<p>Financial Status Update by Pam Burke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently have just over \$ 13,205 in bank account. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Still have money available for upcoming appropriations & theatre & dance & BOKS ▪ Still need to pay out the scholarship from last year \$1000 ▪ Yankee Candle made \$85 profit ▪ Box tops made \$427 profit ▪ Square 1 Art Sale made \$ 1600 profit • Mr. Kelley working on getting more chrome book quantity information (would prefer touchscreens). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Potentially purchasing another 24 Chromebooks will cost about \$7000 of PTO money. ○ Potentially we could try to find someone to write a grant for us to get help monetarily for Chromebooks. ○ Could add a "Donate" link to website for people to specifically donate money for purpose of Chromebooks
REVIEW PREVIOUS EVENTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santa's Breakfast made \$400 profit – Approximately 251 people attended, 144 kids. Next year, we need extension cords to be pulled from other places. Need a different plan for music (horrible wi-fi in school building). Décor was great.
U P C O M I N G	<p><u>EVENTS (Meghan):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweetheart Dance (2/7) – Happening on Friday instead of 2/8, Tickets are a little higher - \$20/couple +\$5/additional guests, \$30/family max. Meghan doing candy bar, Sara doing decorations, sign up genius posted on facebook. David West taking photos, Police detail required & will cost an additional \$220, Flyers go out this week. • Bingo – Jon working on getting a date • Paint Night (3/26) – Lisa Manni & Ms. Dupre chairing. Lisa would like to have tickets available online with Eventbrite. • Merrimac Field Day (6/4) – Rain date is 6/5. Will need to order T-shirts sometime soon, Meghan coordinating. • Ice Cream Social – 6/12 Date set • Movie Night – Potential dates could be 6/12 (after ice cream social) 3/14 (indoors) or in August after MGBTS.
	<p><u>TEACHER APPRECIATION:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers Are Souper (2/13) – Cheryl Burkinshaw Will get flyers out next week • Cheryl working on plans for teacher appreciation week 5/4 – 5/8
	<p><u>FUNDRAISERS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flatbread pizza Dinner night out is now changed to 4/1, will need someone to man the doors • Potential Additional Fundraiser Ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carnation Sale Fundraiser ○ Credit card gift card sale (e-cards or actual gift cards). Could place orders more than one time a year. ○ "Bash the Trash" musical event to do for an enrichment program. They come and teach students about responsible recycling, and music. Could look into booking and planning for next year. • Scheduling conflict: Scholastic Bookfair, AND Boosterthon AND Year end assessments are happening the last week in May (fun run outside). Nancy to coordinate plans.
	<p><u>ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theatre Program (Wizard of Oz) – Glennys Bistany chairing. 51 students participating. Several parent volunteers, and outside theatre / musical professionals helping Ms. Collins. Changed the cost from \$70 to \$73. There's been a learning curve trying to accommodate so many children and volunteers. Suggested idea to have a "diva bag" of things for them to do while they are waiting for their part to practice. Theatre program grant was given for \$1000. Performances are Friday 3/20 @ 7pm & Saturday 3/21 @ 4pm • BOKS – Nancy Lombart – Happening Wednesdays & Fridays drop off @ 7:15 am, start at 7:25am • Robotics – Nancy Lombart – Last round went well. Next group will begin the last week of March for 8 weeks. • Ski Club – Cheryl Burkinshaw – Happening Thursdays starting this week • Bookstore – Rachel White - Made \$188 at last sale. Recently placed a big book order.
Misc. PTO Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theresa typing up meeting minutes next 2 months. • Next Meeting is TUESDAY, February 11th @6:30pm – Sweetsir School Library