



# Parker Middle School PTO Minutes

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Meeting date: January 11, 2018

## I. Call to Order: Alicia Mills

- 7:10 meeting called to order by Alicia Mills; 9 members attending.
- Attendees:
  - Michelle Conrad, Edie Gale, Jen Perry, Beth Rappoli, Kristin Brosofsky, Jeff Parks, Alicia Mills, Tracey Mathewson, Nick Parlee and Robin Bue

## II. Principal's update: Jeff Parks

- **Term** date was adjusted because of the snow
  - Term will end on **January 31<sup>st</sup>**
- **Beauty and the Beast** show is coming up
  - 2/9 @ 7pm & 2/10 @ 2pm & 7pm
- **Project 351**: Every year in MA, there's a fundraiser across 351 cities in Massachusetts. Each town nominates an 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Parker alternates with McCarthy. Jorgia Schick was selected from Parker for 2018. Monday she'll go to Gillette Stadium to meet with the Governor and the other 350 selected students to talk about giving back and being part of a society; Cradles to Crayons charity.

## III. Approval of December PTO minutes: Tracey Mathewson

- Motion to approve December 2017 minutes by Edie Gale; seconded by Beth Rappoli; voice vote, motion carries

## IV. Treasurer's Reports: Edie Gale

- **December Income**
  - Reviewed Treasures Report
- **December Expenses**
  - Additional expenses
- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Jen Perry; seconded by Michelle Conrad; voice vote and motion carries.

## V. Enrichment Update: Kristin Brosofsky

### Occurred:

- November 6: **Jeanne d'Arc financial literacy program** for **6th grade**. Lesson combined Needs vs. wants game and "goal setting". Hoping to bring them back next year. Free of cost.
- December 20, 21: **Worcester Art Museum** for **8th grade**. \$1200, paid 12/6. Armor presentation, tour and workshop. Kids loved the program.
- January 10, 1:30-2:30 (set up at 12:30, clean-up by 3): **Museum of Science** for **8th grade**, Heat & Temperature, confirmed, not yet invoiced or paid. No feedback yet. Invoiced \$540.

### Upcoming and/or new:

- February (exact date uk, organized by Stephanie Quinn): **Kimberly Connor Hughes – Archaeologist**. February. **7th grade**. Support for supplies, under \$200.
- February 26, 9-10 a.m.: **Museum of Science** for **6th grade**, Motion, Forces, and Energy.
- Pending date to align with curriculum: **High Touch High Tech of New England. 5th grade**: \$1300. Overbudget by \$160.
  - Programs are very hands on; the scientists try to lead the children to discovery and want to encourage questions. They teach to individual classes; the gym will not work.
  - Considering the following:
    - Matter Matters



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- The Print Shop
- The Chain Gang
- PTO in agreement to fund.
- **Budget remaining to date (by grade):**
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade: negative \$160
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade: \$360
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade: \$1550
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade: \$10

## VI. Fundraising/Grant Update: Kelli Brown/Beth Rappoli

- **Spinners:** 6/30 @ 545pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday home – Chelmsford night Charged \$10/seat
  - Exact count 3 weeks prior 75 seats; need to sell 34 tix to break even
- **Parker scholarship:** Application updated by the high school by next week.
  - 4/27 for application deadline
- **Stop and Shop:** Open until 3/15
- **Wachusett:** \$10 per ticket will go to the PTO (max of \$5k)
- **Grants:** Beth reported the following
  - **Lowes tool box** for education grant: submitted by Beth. Courtyard could be a ‘pet project’ for outdoor classroom. Parker would have to find a way to fund the materials. Requested \$5k for materials. Won’t be notified until May. Beth to speak to contact in February again. Work would occur over the summer.
- **SEPAC:** Next meeting is 1/23/18. It will be the first meeting with the elected board. Still working to schedule basic rights session for parents.

## VII. Committee Update

- **Spirit Wear:** No updates.
- **Scrip:** Robin reported that additional ones will be run in the future. Placed order for total amount \$6535. Profit=\$479.40.
- **Box Tops:** Contest will run week before February vacation. Recess will be prize for grade that wins.
- **River Hawks:** Game will be 2/24 @ 7pm, tickets are \$13 for adults and kids are free. Cut off day is 2/9. This is the last game of the season. Jen is going to ask for 5 players to attend Parker on the last Friday of Pride week.
- **Barnes & Noble:** Date chosen is 6/14.
- **Science & Innovation Fair:**
  - Fair is planned for the evening of Thursday, March 22 in the Parker Cafeteria and is open to all grades 5-8.
  - Registration opens Monday, January 22 and closes close February, February 16.
  - Communication of the fair is so far planned through Friday newsletter, separate ConnectEd on January 22, posters developed by the Student Council, and Dr. Parks’ morning announcements.
  - Michelle Conrad agreed to assist in the recruitment of volunteers.
  - Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 1 to review projects and progress to date as well as plan for March 22 activities. Communication amongst committee members, mentors and volunteers will occur online in the interim.
- **Parker Pride Run:** Locked down a date of 6/10 (post PTO meeting: 1/12) @ 10am. 9am registration.
- **Teacher Appreciation:** Michelle to double check who is going chair this event. Event will take place from 5/7-5/11
- **PTO Website Update Project:** Tracey reached out to Steven Normandin to schedule training for PTO members. Target is the w/of 1/22. Trying to determine if training makes sense face to face or via WebEx. Quick updates will be made by Steven prior to next PTO meeting. Edie, Kristin and Tracey to attend.



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- **Committee Chair Vacancies:** No vacancies at this time.

## VIII. New Business

- **Council of Chelmsford Schools Meeting:** Will take place on 1/17. Alicia and Kristin to attend.
- **Changing February Meeting:** From February 8 to February 6, 2018 at 7 p.m.
- **Notes to be circulated:** Within a week of the meeting and posted to the website
- **DPW:** Nick Parlee shared with the PTO repairs and upcoming projects that DPW will be taking on over the summer
  - Front circle to second speed bump will be replaced, new sidewalks as well
  - Replace the edge of the playground (street edge). Interior replaced as well with ramp for accessibility
  - Matching funds up to \$15,000
  - 8-week lead time to determine what we would like
  - Consider a playground committee
  - \$2084 in allocated funds is available. Funds haven't been allocated as of yet.

## IX. Adjournment

- 8:27 motion by Alicia Mills