Claypit Hill PTO Board Meeting

September 15, 2015

* PTO Board meeting was called to order by President Jean Prince at 9:00 am at Claypit Hill School.
* Members in attendance: Jean Prince- President, Holly Lindsittel- Vice President, Elisa Scola- Secretary, Lauren Reynolds and Eli Shine – Members. A quorum was reached.
* June 2015 meeting minutes were approved.

President’s Report

Jean Prince reported that Wish List items will be accepted through September 30. The process is being done in the fall instead of the spring because of the recent school reconfiguration. There was a suggestions that ideas be solicited from the larger Claypit community and not just teachers. Obtaining air conditioners was discussed.

Past Events

* New Family and Kindergarten Playdate – The event was moved to the day before school started and was very well attended. That date seems to work because more people are in town.
* Garden Planting Party – The Gardens in the circle were cleaned up and reorganized around the flagpole. There will be another event on Friday to work on the garden by the side of the school.
* Back to School Staff Lunch – The teachers enjoyed the event and there were lots of food donations from families.
* Kindergarten Orientation – The PTO set up a table outside as families arrived for the orientation in order to share information, sign up families for the new on-line directory and welcome families. Feedback from families was that the table was welcoming and appreciated.
* Curriculum Night and Social– The 3rd – 5th Grade Curriculum night was well attended. Parents appreciated having the new wellness teacher stay for the social afterward so parents could meet her. The K-2nd grade Curriculum Night is coming up.

Upcoming Events

* School Picture Day- Picture Day will be on the 21st. Volunteers will be needed. There was discussion about the higher cost of using Hayward Photography in comparison to the cost of the company used by the Highschool.
* Community Coffee- The upcoming Community Coffee will be used to discuss the role of room parents.
* Boston Family Picnic - The Boston Family picnic is coming up and is a fun event. Wayland families are urged to attend in order to show support
* Fifth Grade Activities - The Fifth Grade Activities Committee will be meeting on the 25th to discuss upcoming events.
* Book Fair- There is a new group of people in charge of the book fair headed by Amanda Ciaccio.
* Welcome Committee- The committee is planning playdates and movie nights. Last year there was no movie night for older kids but one is planned for this year.

PTO Board Reports

Principal’s Report – New Principal, Christie Harvey, is working on creating an orderly dismissal and making sure pick up at the end of the day is safe. Parents requested that the names of new staff members go out to families.

Vice President’s Report – Holly Lindsittel reported that e-blasts go out on Tuesday so information for the e-blast should be sent to her on Monday. Lindsittel suggested that room parents introduce themselves at curriculum night to the classroom families.

* + On-Line Directory – Lindsittel is spearheading the on-line directory pilot program at Claypit. She explained that there is a confirmation process when someone signs up to ensure that the person is a Claypit family before admittance to the directory.

Gift Your Child – The Gift Your Child fundraiser is off to a good start.

School Committee – Kathie Steinberg, School Committee member discussed the function of the School Committee. Schools are encouraged to have parents attend the School Committee Meetings.

Meeting adjourned by Jean Prince at 10:00am.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Elisa Scola

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