

PTO Meeting Minutes April 11, 2017

Principal Report

PARCC testing is completed and successful. The first year of PARCC, approximately 1/3 of the student population refused to take the test. Last year, that number reduced to approximately 100. This year, only a small group, 12-15, waived the test. Students did a great job. They enjoyed the extra activities that were provided by the school staff for after testing.

Play: Aladdin was a huge success! The students and staff again did an outstanding job. Everyone was very impressed with the performance. Big thank you to all the parents that assisted and volunteered to make the show a hit. Congratulations to all involved.

School improvements: New Gym Floor will be installed this summer. Also, the gym will be painted and 2 science labs will be updated over the summer. The existing wood paneling in the auditorium is currently being removed. This should be completed shortly.

Staff Appreciation: 5/2-5/5. PTO will provide a luncheon on Wednesday, 5/3 (this date was changed from Thursday, 5/4).

PTO Updates

Step Up: Chris D'Amico, DJ from Winter Fun Night, is not available however, his partner is free and will be booked. The step up dance is scheduled for 6/22, after the step up ceremony. The budget for the event is \$2300.

Unity Tour: Date of event is 5/24. On 5/23, participating students are asked to drop off bikes in the gym. There will be cupcakes, dessert and coffee that night as a "kick off" for the event. The day of the event, there will be water, pizza and ice cream donated. Sign ups will go home after spring break.

Murals: The mural in progress is $\frac{3}{4}$ complete. Just needs the logos. Also, an 8th grade student, Ashley Miske, designed a mural for the health room to promote heart health. It is already being worked on.

Ella Wink: PTO donation is \$450. Just waiting for information so the check can be written.

Project Graduation: Last year, the PTO donated \$400. Members in attendance voted to donate again this year. Check will be written once specifics are received from high school.

Board for Next Year: Board members are needed. Contact any PTO member if interested.

Aramark Update

Mr. Rizzolo from Aramark attended our meeting to answer questions as well as give us an update on upcoming changes to the school lunches. At EMS, a chef/school lead was hired and will be starting after spring break. New entrees have been added and changes were made to the lines to have them go faster. There is a Panini bar, fresh fruit bar, and salad bar. Most in attendance had no idea about these features. In high school, there is a breakfast bar, pasta bar and a stir fry bar will be starting soon. Aramark is looking into adding an option to order specific lunch choices in the morning to speed the lines up during the lunch period. This is not yet happening. They are looking for feedback from both students and parents. Mr. Rizzolo can be contacted at rrizzolo@roxbury.org