



ELM STREET SCHOOL PAC, INC.

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Meeting Minutes- Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 7:00 PM Media Center

Principal's Notes Carrie Ruggiero

- Discussed a recent bus stop incident- There was a meeting with the bus company and cops will continue to be at the bus stop for the next few days
- After February break, there will be an update to the attendance procedures- School Messenger will automatically call parents/guardians at 9:45 a.m. each morning if the school has not received a call that a student would be absent
- Students in Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 enjoyed a cultural performance assembly sponsored by METCO (Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity)
- The MCAS schedule and the 2020-2021 school year calendar are out
- Building an entire book room from PAC Boosterthon money- Classroom teachers will use the book room to enhance their own classroom libraries- ordered books on diversity as well
- There will be another competition in March similar to Battle of the Books
- Dr. Seuss' birthday (March 2nd) is around the corner- Community members will come to Elm Street School to celebrate-a sign up genius will go out

Financial Updates- Melody Hugo

- Not much has changed since last month
- Some money came out of Fall Family Festival and was reallocated to Fifth Grade Celebration

Acceptance of the Minutes from the January meeting- Mary Kelley

- The minutes of the January 2020 meeting were approved

Voted:

- APPROVED – to add a GaGa pit next to our playground. Installation could be as early as this April. Cost about \$3000 money raised from Boosterthon would cover this. Also possibly adding 1-2 smaller musical playground toys. Prices vary but could keep cost between \$500 and \$1000.
- APPROVED- to increase Cultural Arts spending by \$500

Updates:

- Next Restaurant Night is Wednesday, February 12th, all day long (10:30am-9pm) at Biancos in Walpole Center! No need to print a flier, just mention Elm PAC when you call for your pick up or delivery! Elm's PAC will receive 15% of the proceeds!!! Thank you, Erica Sharris for organizing this!
- Parents Rock Out, February 22nd, 7pm, Italian American Club featuring HOTY (Husbands of the Year Band). Local dads of children who attend Elm and Fisher so both PACs teamed up to host this fun night. A sign up genius will go out Thursday, Feb. 13th, and will be sure to fill up so please be on the lookout. Food and flowers will be donated and there will be a cash bar
- International Night at Elm on March 23rd. Thank you, Ellen DeGirolamo & Katie Barrett for helping organize! This is a potluck event to represent the culture of our families at Elm Street School. May try to loop into the curriculum. How to promote? Email, PAC site, ask teachers to mention in class, maybe a flier to each teacher? Looking into performers-a sign up genius will go out
- Special person dance, Friday, April 3rd, save the date! Please see Melissa Dunn if you would like to help plan. Every child can bring one adult
- Elm St. Mini Photo Session with our talented Jill Hayward will occur on Saturday, May 2nd, place TBD! Rain date May 3rd. Details to follow!
- Who can help organize our running club this spring?!! We may split it into 2 sessions separated by age. (K-2nd and 3rd-5th). Please email Mary Kelley if interested. Email included below. PAC is looking for volunteers
- Elm Night at the Red Sox- save the date Saturday, June 6th, to enjoy a night out at Fenway with friends! Email Mary Kelley with any questions. Stay tuned for information on ticket sales
- Snow Ball Box Top Battle this week, please send in any box tops!!
- Boosterthon discussion...should we have it again next year? Boosterthon is looking into locking in a date for the 2020-2021 school year. The run is still a lot of work for teachers (prizes and emails, etc.), Thinking of doing Boosterthon every other year and possibly

plan for Parents' Night Out on alternate years. Can also plan smaller fundraisers every other year.

- The Cultural Arts program is looking to bring back the BMX Bike Show for this school year (approved- see above) and African arts and education for the next school year
- Nicole Perlman is looking for someone to shadow the Cultural Arts program for the next school year
- School supplies will be delivered to homes instead of the classrooms next school year- Supplies will be ordered and paid online
- There was a discussion on how the 5th grade gift to Elm Street School could be to spruce up the library with paint/stencils/posters, etc.

As always thank you for all the support! Please email Mary Kelley at HearnMary@Yahoo.com with any ideas you may have to improve our PAC or support Elm St. School.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 11th, 7pm in the Media Center