



PTO Meeting – January 10, 2018

I. Principal Update

Assistant Principal, Jeff Strong gave an update as Principal Lucey was not present. He mentioned her retirement at the end of this calendar year.

Popcorn meeting being scheduled by Principal Lucey soon.

Kids are enjoying the use of the ice rink for gym. Mark Cole extended the timeframe into March versus ending around February vacation.

Librarian fitting in nicely. Successful Book Fair in December.

Maker space theme continues and moving to downstairs space as well.

February 28<sup>th</sup>- O'Maley's first Young Writers Workshop to develop writing skills. Mr. Strong is looking for 40 or so volunteers with writing skills or are in a related profession to participate. Please ask friends, parents, colleagues if they know anyone that would be interested.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

Lisa Groleau moved to approve, Fran Elliott seconded, all approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

No report available, but about \$5,000 in the account and the only expense to date was for the teacher luncheon.

a. Funds Requests

1. GEF request for a \$3,000.00 commitment over the next three years to support O'Maley Academy and show that the PTO supports the generous grant. Marty moved to approve the commitment and send a check by the end of the year. Sheri Lewis second, all approved.
2. Allison Cousins - Curtain for the stage \$500-\$600  
Lisa Groleau moved to approve \$600 and if the curtain expense is more, we will consider paying more as all the school will benefit from the curtains. Erica Keyes second, all approved.

- IV. Update on rink trash barrels  
No response, Serena will resend the letter to Mike Hale.
  
- V. Update on Backyard Growers, Generous Gardeners and PTO Grounds Project  
It will start in the Spring.
  
- VI. Fundraising Ideas
  - a. Bingo Event-tabled for now-big undertaking and not sure we could get kids and parents to attend.
  - b. Yankee Candle – Graziella Paone will run (timing before Mother's Day).
  
- VII. Other Discussion
  - a. School Brains-not user intuitive but working ok. Contact Jeff Destino with questions.
  - b. Calendars for students-O'Maley no longer use day planners; parents wondering why and if those organizational skills are being taught. Part of the reason is the kids are on Chromebooks.
  
- VIII. Next Meeting  
Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm -O'Maley Library