



## PTO Meeting Minutes– February 8, 2018

### **I. Principal Update**

Jeff Destino welcomed everyone and provided an update.

The recent school dance was well attended, and the students had a great time.

Popcorn Fridays was not approved during lunch time, but an alternative would be to sell it after school to those leaving and or staying for the after school program. The committee is going to discuss logistics and come up with a plan.

It has been determined that the DPW is responsible for clearing and deicing the long walkway near drop off.

Marijuana Talk scheduled for March 2, 2018 in the O'Maley Auditorium. Parents are welcome to attend. There are two sessions 9 am for the 6-7<sup>th</sup> grade assembly and 10 am for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade assembly. The school is collaborating with other organizations to tie more education around smoking and vaping. O'Maley has a very strict policy and so far, has been a deterrent to repeat offenders. A parent asked if there has been any discussion regarding alternatives to suspension. Kids losing out on their education is not the solution. Mr. Destino indicated yes and policies will be being reviewed over the next few months.

Cameras have been installed around the building for safety and are up and running.

The Young Writers event has been moved from the end of February to June (the June date has not been determined). If you know a journalist, sports writer, blogger, poet, lyricist, etc. that would be willing to participate during a school day to talk with kids about their profession, please have them contact AP Jeff Strong. The idea is to show kids that writing isn't just about essays.

Mr. Destino suggested a page 2 as part of O'Maley Happenings that would update the O'Maley community about PTO happenings.

**II. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Graziella Paone moved to approved

Erica Keyes second

Minutes approved

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Martin Del Vecchio provided an update on the recently purchased stage curtain. It has been delivered, not yet been installed but will be in time for the play. GEF is installing the sound system as well.

The checking account balance is \$3,998

**IV. Fundraising Ideas**

- a. Yankee Candle – Graziella Paone reported that all materials are at the school and need to be sorted and delivered to each teacher to distribute to the students. The sale will run from March 16, 2018- March 30, 2018.
- b. Pompom Hats – Fran Elliott provided a picture and a quote for the hats and the group thought it was a great idea and everyone loved the style and design, however, it was decided to table the initiative until next year and offer during the holidays and at the beginning of winter.
- c. Car Magnets – Lisa Groleau was not present but reported that the magnets will be available in a week or so. Flyer and distribution methods were sent to administration for approval.

**V. Other Discussion**

Some other fundraising ideas were an O'Maley Cookbook-Thank you Allison Cousins. It is being discussed. If there is any interest or someone who would like to lead this initiative, please contact the PTO on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/omaleymiddleschoolpto/>

Hat Day

Selling water and snacks at sporting events help at O'Maley possibly tying in the popcorn too.

**VI. Next Meeting**

March 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm O'Maley Library