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# Lowell Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 11.15.16 @ 7:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: Dec 6th @ 7:00 PM**

## Guest Speakers

**Dr. John Brackett**- Interim Superintendent

Talked about his entry plan. He has and will be meeting with ESL coordinators, town people, police, school committee members- and will tour all the schools. Meeting with High School students to get perspective of schools. Is working on communication to keep the community informed and would like to be involved in the community. He is looking at the big picture of the district, evaluating the consistency.

He is going to host coffee's to spend time with the district and talk about community issues. Next coffee is 12/14 @9am and 7pm @ the Philips School. Doing 2 different times to see which works better for everyone. Hired an interim business manager.

**Michael Dattoli**-

Mike spoke about the committee structure and all that has occurred over the summer into this fall. The point they are at is recommendations by the consultant group on the existing structures of the schools, which did not include the Phillips. He discussed the possibility of redistricting. The next steps will be to present recommendations to the School Committee.

**John Collins**-

Watertown Boys & Girls Club. Talked about Bidy Basketball for grades 2 & 3. Registration is 12/6 & 12/7 from 5-8pm @wbgc. Parent volunteers needed for Saturday games 40 mins long.

## FINANCES

### Dues Update

\$3,306 in dues so far

### Financial report

\$24,642.51 in checking

\$787.75 in savings

\$2,093 in teacher reimbursements

Successfully filed the non-profit postcard to retail status

Filed the annual report to the Mass Attorney Generals' Office

## FUNDRAISERS

### **Amazon Smile-**

Percentage is given to the PTO on all orders placed. There is a link on the lowellpto.org homepage.

### **Auction-**March 3rd -11th.

This is the PTO's largest fundraiser. Held annually in March, there are a number of logistics that need to be worked out. Mary Lynds is the chair for the auction and is currently asking for people to help get this off the ground. By starting now the amount of work necessary will be minimal as the actual event grows near. The types of effort needed are to help collect donations online, by phone, or in person

**Hip Stitch-** child/parent was decided upon for a time in after the holidays

**Launch-** 1/2 day fundraiser- Jan 25<sup>th</sup>

**Chipolte-**Dinner @ Arsenal Mall-Feb vacation

**Halloween** event-went well

**Spirit Week:** Change Challenge, Mr. Oates will pick two challenges and the kids will put money into 2 containers for the week of the book fair, container with most change will be what Mr. Oates will do.

## EVENTS

### **Book Fair Dates**

The book fair is the largest fundraiser we host for the library. All funds from the fair are given to the Lowell Library. Last year we had sales over \$12,000 with the school receiving over \$6700 to purchase books.

This year's book fair schedule will be similar to last years. We will be hosting a public sale in the Lowell gym on Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Set up will be on Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The remainder of the week will be a Lowell only sale, hosted in the library. This event requires a lot of volunteers for short amounts of time. Given this fundraiser has a direct impact on the quality of the Lowell library we would love a lot of volunteers.

### **Literacy night-**

12/9 6/8pm \*NEED DONATIONS\* mix activities, readers, crafts, literacy based reading in garden station, storytellers. Volunteers to help out

**International Night** – 1/27, parents interested in signing up for a table should contact Yolyett

## FIFTH GRADE DISCUSSION

### **5th Grade**

Bake Sale-\$848 \$215 raffle

Sargeant's Camp 5/31-6/2-all 5th graders in watertown

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

**Classroom updates**None

### **Principal update**

Mr. Oates discussed the Math RTI program.