

JOHN E. BURKE SCHOOL

Minutes

Meeting Date: 9/24/18

Start Time: 5:03pm

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Agenda:

I. Welcome:

Amanda:

- Agenda & Calendar of Events Given Out

II. Introductions:

III. Acceptance of Minutes:

August Minutes will be read/accepted at October meeting

IV. Principal's Report:

- Thank you for Chalk the Walk
- **Peabody Gives Back** - New this year. Each month a different school throughout the district comes up with an initiative to give back the community. September's Initiative was bout out by the South School. Friday 9/28/18 all children are asked to wear pajamas and bring a small stuffed animal to be donated to Boston Children's Hospital of Boston in honor of Ella O'Donnell. Burke's month will be in May 2019.
- **3rd Annual Vocab Parade** will be held on 10/31/18 – Grades K-1 will be nouns, Grades 2-3 will be adjectives and Grades 4-5 will be verbs.

- **1st Planning Meeting for Holiday Lights Stroll** will be held on Thursday, 9/27/18. Holiday Lights Stroll is scheduled for 12/1/18.
- **Class Dojo** is new this year. New online tool for communicating highlights and important information going on around the school and in the classroom. Shouldn't be used for communicating with teachers about individual students. Each student has a special code. If the student sees a specialist (i.e. reading specialist) they will have a link to that teacher as well as their homeroom teacher.
- **Community Leader Lunch** will continue this year. Veterans, Police Officers, Firefighters, etc. come into the school as positive role models and serve lunch to the students. Fire Department is scheduled for October – no date yet.
- **Indoor Activities for Winter Months** - Mrs. Becotte and Mrs. Palmary are working on putting together an indoor fitness trail/acquiring a Gaga Ball Pit for the exercise and active play during the winter months.
- **Moby Max** is an online platform that the school has been using for Math, Reading, Writing, etc. The program assesses students over a period of time and allows teachers to monitor their progress and help in specific areas that the student needs improvement. The price for this platform went up \$800 this year for a total of \$1,900.00 for the year. With not enough room in the Budget the program's license expired and has not been renewed. Mrs. Becotte would like to discuss with the PTO sharing in this cost at the October PTO meeting.
- **School Counsel** - Nomination Forms for will go out week of October 1st.
- Students and Teachers are settling in and the school year is off to a good start.

V. **Teacher's Report:**

- Thank you for Chalk the Walk and Rock Garden. It was nice for the teachers coming back to school.
- Thank you for the Back to School Breakfast. It was greatly appreciated as they first day of the school year was very busy for the teachers this year.
- Thank you for the classroom startup money. The extra \$50 this year will go a long way in helping teachers make the classroom more enjoyable for the students.

VI. **Treasurer's Report:**

Presented by Amanda as Michelle our Treasurer was unable to be at the meeting. Amanda reviewed the Budget.

- Disney Raffle and Coupon Book Fundraiser will not happen again this year.
- Field Trip Budget will be \$1400 for Grades with 3 classrooms, \$1100 for grades with 2 classrooms and \$1700 for the 5th Grade.

Budget approved – Seconded by Kelly Taylor

VII. **PAB:**

a. **First Meeting -?**

STEM Week will be 10/22-10/26 – Mrs. Becotte will get quotes

VIII. Student Enrichment:

- a. **JLine Dance Crew – 11/16**

IX. PTO Meeting Dates (See Attached)

These are listed in the August Minutes, which will be presented at the October meeting.

X. Important Dates Thru End of October

- a. **PJ Day for Ella – 9/28**
- b. **No School – 10/8 (Columbus Day)**
- c. **Early Release - 10/18 11:25 am (NO lunch)**
This is a mistake on calendar – there will be school on 10/18
- d. **Halloween Social – 10/26 5pm-7pm (Roller World?)**
Roller Palace closed down. Amanda still trying to get a quote from Roller World on Route One.
- e. **Scholastic Book Fair – Week of 10/29**
Will be held Wednesday – Friday
- f. **Early Release – 11/1 12:25pm (P/T Conf)**

XI. Open Positions:

- a. **Vice President**
- b. **Student Enrichment**
 - i. **Event Chairs**
 - 1. **Halloween Social**
 - 2. **Talent Show**
 - 3. **End of Year Bash**

XII. Social Media Policy

- a. **Facebook**
Email Amanda to be added to grade level pages
- b. Burkepto@gmail.com
- c. www.burkepto.com

XIII. Text Alerts:

- a. **Text @jebpto to 81010**

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XIV. Room Parent Selection:

- a. **Room Parent Meeting**

This Year's Room Parents:

Losanno- Maria Varoudakis

Reid - We need someone

Zaffini- Meghan Sencabaugh & Nikki Kachinaki

Miller-Camrin Flynn & Shelley Mesquita

Almeida- Meri Caponigro

Costa- Courtney Trahant, Lucy Jagodynski & Seana Droggitis

Connors-Robyn Skerry

Katsoulakos- Kendra O'Brien & Lauren Mastrocola

Keenan- Courtney Trahant

Ward - Katie Devita

Dawson- Elyse Novak & Kelly Taylor

Leahy- Angela Turpin

Theriault- Brenda Haskell

Lundergan-Tiffany Bordonaro & Karin Pedneault

Kennedy- Julie Picardi & Angie Nicoli

Broughton- Anna Correia & Seana Droggitis

Raffle Baskets are due at October Meeting.

OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- October Meeting will be moved to Monday, 10/29 at 5:30pm –Potluck
- Looking for a replacement for Yearbook. Julie Picardi will not be doing next year as her kids are moving onto the Higgins. Suggestion of shared responsibility

Meeting Adjourned: 5:40pm