

Newburyport PTO October General Meeting

Bresnahan School Cafeteria

10/21/2015, 7PM

- I. 7 PM – President/VP Welcome and Announcements
 - We are happy to report that we have a new treasurer, Afroz Khan
 - We still have two open positions for the PTO board that need to filled:
 - o Communication VP
 - o Molin VP

- II. 7:10 – Election of Treasurer
 - The PTO Board voted and approved Afroz Khan as the new treasurer

- III. 7:15 – Treasurer’s Report
 - Treasurer for the last two weeks
 - Annual budget will be available and approved by next meeting
 - The PTO Board voted and approved the funding proposal that was presented at the meeting:
 - o Funding for 5 bike racks and 2 benches for the Nock and Molin.
 - o Details of the funding include:
 - Not to exceed, \$6,500 for 5 bike racks and 2 benches
 - The new bike racks will hold 18 bikes – old ones will be relocated
 - Benches will replace what once existed at the front entrance
 - Both bike racks and benches will be bolted to the cement
 - For future funding proposals, the process for the formal funding proposal is being revised and will be downloadable on the website.
 - New proposal incoming - Molin/Nock Library funding fell short of the restoration. Additional books and media are required and needed for the library. The proposal

requests the transfer of funds raised for the Brown School Playground and repurposed to the Molin/Nock Library.

IV. 7:25 - Nock VP Report

- Excited for the new bike racks and benches that was approved earlier in the meeting
- Working through the details of the possibility of the Clipper Pride Night

V. 7:35 - Bresnahan Principal Reports

Pre-K / Kindergarten

- Ribbon cutting for the Senior Center – selected Bresnahan students attended
- Excited to partner with the Senior Center in the future
- Reminder the Boo Bash is Friday, 10/30 – please encourage families to attend
- Reminder the Halloween Parade is Thursday, 10/29 – Halloween Parade, no adults in attendance
- Reminder that the Halloween Parade for Kindergartners through 3rd grade is Friday, 10/30 -
- November is a choppy month
 - o Closed November 3rd
 - o Closed November 11th
 - o Half day on November 25th – Color Day, children will be encouraged to wear their Newburyport colors
- Parent Conferences coming up during the month of November

1st and 3rd:

- MCAS data – should we present the analysis for the 3rd grade to parents?
- Background information has been presented to the school committee. Presentation discussed the intellectual, physical, emotional needs of the students. This information is available in the Bucketful of News with link to the presentation.
- Bresnahan School Counsel meeting – these are public meetings and all are encouraged to attend.

- For the Halloween Parade on Friday, 10/30 – parents should stay off the sidewalk so that students can parade on the sidewalk.
- There was a staff meeting earlier today and we met with Newburyport Enrichment Center – community effort with all that we can do to “Nourishing the North Shore”. The organization supports local families in need with locally grown produce that can be packaged and delivered to the YWCA and the Pettingill Food Bank. They have a 50x50 garden – the Bresnahan will have a garden on site as well to help with this effort. Collaborating with the Senior Center to help take care of the garden with the students at the Bresnahan. The staff is very excited about the opportunities for teachable moments.

VI. 7:45 - Bresnahan Pre-K/K VP Report

- Reminder, Boo Bash is this Friday, 10/30 from 6pm to 7:30pm
 - o We need volunteers, approximately 25 ppl during the event, 5 to set-up and 5 to clean-up. We already have 15 volunteers from the Clipper Crew, so we only need 10 more for the event.
 - o Teachers will be invited as well to the event
- Payment by credit card will be available for families

VII. 7:55 - Bresnahan 1-3 Report

- Next Monday, 10/26 – Teacher Breakfast (no volunteers needed)
- Tuesday, 11/03 – will need volunteers for the Bake Sale (1-2 volunteers needed)

VIII. 8:05 - Cultural Chair Report

- Molin Assembly – orchestra from the Berkshires, students with special needs that performed. Discussed differences and working hard
- Coming up – Assemblies Jim Jordan anti-bullying and a puppet show
- Cultural Night on April 1st – more details will be forthcoming closer to the event

IX. 8:15 – Meeting Closing

- Reminder NEF auction at Nicholson Hall on Saturday, 11/14
 - Purchase tickets on NEF.org
- After school Program
 - Running smoothly in comparison to the spring
 - Kids seem to enjoy the topics – please let us know if you have ideas. For example the 3rd grade wants to run a school newspaper. If you know a parent that would be interested in running this in the afternoons we would be happy to discuss logistics.
 - Right now, the 3rd grade classes will alternate the newspaper responsibilities.
 - A recommendation of rollerblading was suggested – the school already has 60 rollerblades and helmets
 - Another recommendation of a cooking class?