

## **Newburyport PTO General Meeting Minutes**

Bresnahan School Cafeteria

9/18/2019

7:00pm

### **Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Co-President Solen Moriarty**

Board Members Present:

Solen Moriarty, President

Melissa Bouse, Vice President

Pam San Antonio, Treasurer

Shannon Cornier, Assistant Treasurer

Amanda Bugli, Communications

Nicole De Peña, Secretary

Amy LeBlanc, Bresnahan PreK/K

Melissa Potter, Bresnahan PreK/K

Joanna Fernandes, Cultural Co-Chair

Andrea Eigerman, Cultural Co-Chair

Laura Bouchard, Bresnahan PreK/K Teacher Representative

Anna Enaire, Molin Teacher Representative

- I. Welcome and Introduction of 2019/2020 Board (Solen Moriarty)**
  - A. President – Solen Moriarty
  - B. Vice President – Melissa Potter
  - C. Treasurer – Pam San Antoino
  - D. Assistant Treasurer – Shannon Cormier
  - E. Cultural Enrichment Chairs – Joanna Fernandez/Andrea Eigerman
  - F. Communications Chair – Amanda Bugli
  - G. Secretary – Nicole De Pena
  - H. PreK/K Vice Presidents – Amy Leblanc/Stephanie Cotter
  - I. Grades 1-3 Vice Presidents – Morgan Bosselli/Kristen M?
  - J. Molin Vice President – Katie Suchecki
  - K. Nock Vice Presidents – Alex Choir/Jen Groskin/Linda P?
  - L. PreK/K Teacher Representatives – Lisa Mosquera/Laura Bouchard
  - M. Grades 1-3 Teacher Representative – Jill Grelle
  - N. Molin Teacher Representative – Anne Enaire
  - O. Nock Teacher Representative – Open

## **II. Functions of the PTO (Solen Moriarty)**

### **A. What we Fund**

1. Buses
2. Cultural enrichment
3. STEM/Science Fairs
4. Scholarships
5. Speaker Series in Partnership with NYS/Charter School
6. Fun Events
  - a. Boo Bash
  - b. Hoedown
  - c. Molin Movie Night
7. Funding Proposals
  - a. Playground equipment
  - b. Blacktop painting
  - c. Art supplies

### **B. Fundraisers**

1. Boosterthon
2. Kitchen Tour
  - a. Raised 30K in 2019
  - b. Looking for a chair person by November to organize 2020 tour
3. Meadow Farms
4. Spirit wear
5. Artwork

## **III. Treasurer Updates (Pam San Antonio and Shannon Cormier)**

### **A. Budget**

1. 2019-2020 budget will be finalized in a few weeks
2. The PTO is a nonprofit we have to spend what we raise
3. The annual budget is typically 80K
4. Top fundraisers
  - a. Boosterthon
  - b. Kitchen Tour
5. Additional revenue sources
  - a. Spirit wear raises thousands
  - b. Ecosmith Bins raise 6k-7k
  - c. Box Tops raises thousands
    1. new online system
    2. download app from your phone
    3. scan your grocery receipts
    4. General Mills products give \$.10 per box top
6. PBIS budget has money left over for Molin and Nock

## **IV. Nock Principal Update (Lisa Furlong)**

A. PBIS

1. Is a cultural approach to positive discipline
2. Each School has their own campaign
  - a. Nock Advantage
  - b. Molin Way
  - c. Bresnahan – Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Responsible
3. PTO Sponsors Assemblies
4. PTO funded signage has been very helpful
5. Great Collaborative of the PTO

B. Great start to school year

**V. Bresnahan Principal Update (Kristina Davis and Amy Sullivan)**

A. Picture Day for grades 1-3

1. Went well
2. Timing was a little challenging

B. Picture Day for PreK/K on 9/19/2019

C. Early Release Day 9/20/2019

1. Preschool pickup @11:15am
2. Grades K-3 pickup @ 11:40am
3. Reminder to parents to send dismissal note in for any changes

D. School Council

1. Last meeting of 2019 council on 9/23/19
2. School council for 2019/2020
  - a. Nominations
    - i. paperwork needs to go out prior to Bresnahan open house dates
    - ii. elections take place the night of open houses
3. Early Release Community Meeting
  - a. 9/20/2019 @ 11:00am
  - b. Looking for a volunteer to dress up as Clipper

E. International Walk to School Day

1. 10/2/2019
2. Meet at Atkinson Common @ 8am
3. PTO takes care decorations and snacks (Nurse approval)

F. Open Houses

1. 10/3/2019 Grades 1-3 6pm-8pm
2. 10/10/2019 PreK/K 6pm-8pm
3. Night Overview
  - a. Title One
  - b. Special Subject Teachers
  - c. PTO
  - d. NEF
  - e. Farmer Market

E. Upcoming Holidays

1. Rosh Hashanah
2. yom kippur
3. Inform teacher if you celebrate so no homework is given.

F. Late Start 10/18/2019 @ 10:20am

E. Festival of Trees 11/23/2019

1. Seaglass in Salisbury
2. Bresnahan Tree theme is Shells

**VI. Bresnahan VP update (Melissa Potter)**

A. Mom/Parents night out

1. Date in works
2. @ the Poynt

**VII. Bresnahan PreK/K VP update (Amy Leblanc)**

A. Boo Bash 10/25/2019 6:00pm-7:30pm

1. photobooth
2. clipper crew available to help
3. sign up genius will be going out for volunteers

**VIII. Bresnahan Grades 1-3 VP Update (Morgan Bosselli)**

A. Hoedown planning

B. BOKS (Building our Kids Success)

1. 5 week session before school beginning in October (10/29 on Tues/Thurs)
2. PTO funds
3. Volunteers staff
4. Data proves physical activity before school starts improves learning
5. Small fee to families
6. Nurse maybe needed
7. There will be scholarships available
8. Last year 50 kids signed up
9. Would like to have a Spring session too
10. Breakfast is served for all students at 8:05am if they want to eat.

**IX. Molin Update (Anne Enaire)**

A. Open House 9/26/2019 @ 6pm

**X. Nock VP Update (Alex Choir)**

A. Dance with youth services

1. 10/25/2019
2. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades

B. Spirit wear update

1. New logo coming from athletic director
2. Working with Rob Ouelette to have before holidays.

**XI. Cultural Enrichment**

A. Teachers work with Cultural Enrichment to pick assemblies

B. Upcoming events

1. Molin - Danceline
2. PreK – Animal Craze (farm animals)
3. Bresnahan – Rob Surette (Amazing Hero Painting)

**XII. Miscellaneous**

A. Ideas for Fundraisers

1. Bring it up
2. Please let PTO know of any fundraising ideas and opportunities

B. Communications

1. Take home Tuesday
  - a. Send to Amanda Bugli
  - b. By Monday night
2. New Website Coming

C. Boosterthon

1. 1/30/2020 – Molin Fun Run
2. 1/31/2020 – Bresnahan Fun

**Meeting adjourned 8:08pm**