

Willard PTG Meeting  
February 4, 2019

### Attendance

Jennie Garofalo, Marieke Herrero, Janet King, Matthew Lucey, Kristin Martines, Liz Nadzo, Kim Rivers, Candace Root, Susan Wagner, Kathryn Watson, Erika Woodhouse

- Approved minutes from December 3<sup>rd</sup> and January 7<sup>th</sup> meetings.

### Principal's Report (Matthew Lucey)

- Willard is currently collecting non-perishable goods for Open Table in conjunction with the Super Bowl.
- Halfway Day raised \$87 for Open Table.
- School Improvement Council Meeting is this afternoon — we are making good headway across the board as far as curriculum, Special Ed, building cultural education, etc.
- Mr. Piper is interested in taking his chorus kids to Needham for a commonwealth-wide day of singing on March 23<sup>rd</sup> for an approximate cost of \$600. There are two costs associated: 1) an Accompanist to play at 2 rehearsals plus the concert (\$250), and 2) a bus to/from the concert (\$350). Kristin Martines and Denise Carleton will work together to figure out if there are any remaining revenues from student enrollment to support concert expenses.
- Septic system has been fully cut over; the last remaining pumps were cut over last month.
- Concord Police have been supportive at dismissal as far as parking and decreased speed.
- Seeking support from CEF to purchase some orff instruments (pitched instruments) for orchestra.
- In 4th grade exploring something similar to Q5 at CCHS — it will be an opportunity for problem-solving learning right up to the end of the school year.
- Kim Rivers and the Rivers and Revolution team has been asked to present at the School Committee meeting on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Willard has several new students (4 more in the just the past couple of weeks); they have been asked if their contact info. can be released to the PTG.
- There has been some really great work this past month on reflectiveness and cultural competency — i.e. MLK, dreams from the perspective of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

### Teacher Update (Kim Rivers)

- Followed up on our request to check with staff re: school supplies. The needs are varied so teachers have said they'll contact room parents when needs arise.
- The goal is to have one school supplies list per grade level. Kristen Herbert will be pulling together the lists from all different grade levels.
- There is interest in doing another Family Reading Night. Matt and Kim are in the process of gathering volunteers to staff it.

### Recap of the Month (Susan Wagner)

- Attended the All Presidents Meeting with Dr. Hunter — there are lots of events through the Center for Teachers and Parents coming up.
- The PTG's Executive Committee is in the process of updating the by-laws. They will be sent out for review prior to the next meeting so the Board can vote on the changes.

- Working on a website for school supplies in coordination with Thoreau and Alcott. Parent volunteers are needed to help drive this process. Liz Nadzo has a friend who does this work so she will forward his contact info. to Susan and Alex.
- The Spelling Bee date may have to change to April 5<sup>th</sup>. Susan will look into it. The event's coordinators have made the change request, but it is not clear whether the change has been OK'd by the staff. Susan will double check if the newly proposed date has been cleared with the teachers.
- Math Night is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Kristin Martines raised the point that she wasn't aware of Halfway Day or the Souper Bowl — it seems that school-wide things aren't being as well communicated this year, and that teachers are relying more heavily on the students. It was recommended that school-wide events be communicated in the Weekly.

#### Social Committee

- No new updates

#### Communications (Kathryn Watson)

- The SSL certificate is up and running, so the website now has https: prefix.

#### Before and After

- No new updates.

#### Fundraising (Marieke Herrero)

- No change since last month. We have collected a little over \$33,000 of the \$34,000 goal.
- Included a thank-you and update in the Weekly, but no additional contributions have come in since.
- Marieke received a tax exemption letter from the middle school via email – we may also want to consider moving over to email to save a lot of time and money.

#### Treasurer's Report (Kristin Martines)

- Nothing new to report.
- Discussed lice combs with Patsy Sullivan. Patsy gives a lice comb to a student, the family pays her \$5, then she gives Kristin the \$5 — should this expense be going through PTG?
- Patsy confirmed that years ago someone bought them for Janine, then last year was a bad lice year and Patsy ran out so we bought them again. She suggested that maybe instead of reimbursing on an individual basis, she can collect then reimburse just once per year.
- Working on the changes to the by-laws.

#### Other

- It is fun to see Willard Wear throughout the school, and from the looks of it things seem to be going well. Liz has an email into Amerasport to ask about numbers. They do their accounting in July.
- Discussed moving Willard Wear elsewhere on the Weekly since it's no longer new news.
- Amerasport can supply prizes at cost for events like family game night, carnival, etc. as long as we give them more than ten days' notice.
- We should still have some old inventory in the supply closet that can be used as prizes.

#### Upcoming Events

- Winter Break – February 18-22
- Next PTG Meeting – March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm