



# WILLARD PTG

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## Willard PTG Meeting

February 1, 2021

### Attendance

Janet King, Liz Colgan, Rebecca Lemaitre, Colleen Currier, Matt Lucey, Robin Baughman, Darcy Heintz-Perkins, Susannah Benner

### Welcome & Recap (Janet King)

- Janet calls meeting to order; January Minutes were approved over email and posted online
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee is sharing ideas with peers at Alcott and Thoreau to figure out how events can happen virtually this year.
- Box Tops winning class was Miss Reid's third grade; students could choose keychains or stuffed monkeys as prizes! (More stuffed animals remain for upcoming events).
- We are penciling in May for Raffle, possibly combined with Pajama Jam, or online only.
- The PTG bought 105 books for the classroom teachers to complete their wish lists; we spent \$857.22. The remainder of the profits from the Book Fair were donated to the library (\$800); Erica Josselyn is buying new books and replacing old ones.



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- Sarah Bettencourt is helping identify room parents for the primary and intermediate language-based classrooms.
- Science Fair and Math Night are in discussion for possible virtual events; Spelling Bee has opted to skip this year.
- Liz Colgan & Janet viewed an update from the school district Cultural Competency Committee at latest meeting with Laurie Hunter, now available online.
- The slate for next year's PTG officers will be presented at May meeting. All are invited to throw their hat in the ring for positions or to chair a committee!
- Discussions are underway with David Piper for musical playground equipment. Thank you Candace Root!
- Janet runs through the various expenses of PTG, many of which are unpredictable this year, and highlights the PTG's goal to raise \$10,000 more
- Receipts continue to come in from teachers and thanks to annual appeal donations, we are happy to reimburse them for various classroom expenses like:
  - Books
  - Bins/Name Tags/Stickers/Chair Bags
  - Folders/clipboards/labels/pencil pouches
  - Subscriptions to teacher websites/forums/seminars
  - Tools for remote learning - microphone (Mr. Piper), anti-fatigue board, safe share
  - Ziploc bags for computers (Mr. Lucey)
  - Snacks/Clothes (nurse)

Principal Update (Matt Lucey)



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- Traditional Snow Day will be on Tuesday Feb. 2, a nice feeling of normalcy for all!
- Concord-Carlisle district began COVID pool testing of staff, with 0 positives so far. Matt briefly addresses Alcott's possible in-school transmission, currently under investigation. Pool testing will continue weekly and students will have the option within 2 weeks.
- Next year's budget is currently being built, assessing needs now instead of just rolling over year to year.
- Irrigation system for fields has been sitting on the side lines but is back on the agenda; work may begin with the well in spring/summer 2021.
- April 5<sup>th</sup> is the next date for remote students to return to Willard. Some 5<sup>th</sup> grade families have expressed interest in returning for the end of the year.
- David Piper has proposed the purchase of ukuleles for each school. Students would then learn recorders, ukuleles, and xylophones, and leave elementary school knowing how to read music!
- Kindergarten registration starts soon. Please let any families with rising Kindergartners know
- Summer program planning has begun for students with IEPs etc.
- The library audited their collection to ensure it is reflective of all people in the Willard community. Matt discusses books as either a mirror or window to the world.
- Matt approves research for the proposed musical playground equipment; any instruments must be handicap accessible. The noise level will be tested to make sure it does not disturb classrooms.



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## International Festival (Rebecca Lemaitre)

- Classrooms now have flags and flag posters to color in the hopes of generating interest. Trivia posters are going home next week
- Volunteers will have a meeting to address technical issues this week, with questions going to Genoveva Matheus
- Sign Up form to attend the weekday workshops and Saturday festival will go live week of 2/8.

## Social Committee (Darcy Heintz-Perkins)

- Planning for parent Zooms, one week for grades k-2 and 3-5 on the following week. Proposed date of March 18 & 25 or/ March 25 & April 1
- Possibility of partnering with Concord Cheese Shop or Concord Market for prepared cheese plates/dessert plates. Thank you Darcy and Meagan!

## Talent Show (Rebecca Lemaitre)

- Logo competition will be sent home shortly before February break, followed by registration for performers.

## Treasurer's Report/Annual Appeal - Collen Currier

- Since January there have been additional donations in from annual appeal and a match from Fidelity, as well as teacher expenses/coffee service for staff.



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- Annual Appeal is over halfway to goal with over \$21,000 in donations from 95 families and 3 company matches. Our goal is \$34,000
- Shout out to the office for always helping with the business mail, thank you Sherry and Alison!

## New Business (Janet King)

- A Willard family has offered a \$75 towards a gift certificate at a local business as an incentive to donate to Annual Appeal; all who have given will be entered in to win. PTG will add an additional \$75, bringing the total to \$150. Possible location is discussed at Maynard movie theater
- Janet would like to chair the proposed new Charity and Services committee. This will consolidate various charity efforts each year i.e. Halloween candy collection, 5<sup>th</sup> grade service day, half way day donations. Thank you Janet!

**\*\*Next meeting\*\*** March 1, 2021, 7 p.m., Zoom