

CABOT PTO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016

- **Members in Attendance**
 - Jen Abbott, Nicky Chapman, Ali Dunn, Joanna Josephson, Agnes Pietrzyk, Kevin Sloan, Andrea Steenstrup

- **Principal Search**
 - Selection of Parent Representatives for Cabot Principal search
 - Need 3 parents for interviews and 5 parents for small group meetings
 - Executive committee members in attendance reviewed all parent representative applications
 - After discussion, Executive committee chose all the parent representatives plus 1 alternate
 - 3 Elementary schools and 1 Middle school currently looking for principals

- **Meeting with David Fleishman and Newton School Committee at Cabot: Dec. 19, 2016**
 - Possible topics
 - Enrollment
 - boundaries may be increased for Cabot to alleviate crowding at other schools
 - Start time presentation
 - There might be a short general PTO meeting afterwards

- **Treasurer Report passed around by Treasurer Nicky Chapman**
 - Campaign for Cabot (CFC) has started
 - Donations have started to pick up
 - Will keep pushing participation goal
 - Nicky asked everyone to see how we should be sending out reminders
 - Room parents can make an announcement at the class breakfasts
 - Year end reminder
 - Keep doing weekly PTO reminder
 - Book fair made over \$1000.00
 - 5th grade made \$628.00 with the pizza/bake sale
 - Approval of playground equipment
 - \$785.00 for color coded playground balls for each grade
 - Kept in mind that PTO will be getting \$2000.00 from the closing of the school account, but not sure if that \$2000.00 will be added to Principal's discretionary fund
 - Question about PTO paying for the teachers' water bubbler
 - Discussion of discretionary school spending

- **School Council Meeting tomorrow (Dec. 14, 2016)**
 - Someone brought up that broader issues should be talked about instead of just discussing building transition
 - Core Values
 - Changes were made over the summer and teachers have been working on it
 - How to utilize room parents more
 - Andrea Steenstrup suggested doing a climate survey
 - Review gift policy (specifically class gifts)

- **Need to start recruiting parents earlier for positions next year**
 - Room Parents
 - Committee chairs
 - Cabot directory

- **Playground Design for new Cabot Building**
 - Ali Dunn talked about the sketches for the playground
 - May be sharing space with the school and Cabot field
 - Spinning globe structure (10-15 kids can play at one time)
 - Occupational therapists said these are great for sensory sensitive kids
 - There may not be room for 4 swings
 - Joanna Josephson had talked to someone at Angier who mentioned there was an issue of lack of shade at their new playground
 - Ali said that new Cabot playground will have shade canopies
 - Ali did not get a chance to ask about what will be done to the current playground at Cabot

- **Vote to approve meeting minutes from Executive Committee Mtg. on 11/16/16**
 - Joanna Josephson made motion to approve, Nicky Chapman seconded the motion, and Executive Committee members all approved motion

MEETING ADJOURNED