

November 14, 2018  
School Council Minutes

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- I. Introductions
- II. Minutes from October 10, 2018 meeting approved.
- III. Reports
  - A. PTO
    1. Additional changes to adhere to food policy. Thinking about end of year picnics- there is hesitation about asking parents to give money for picnic as opposed to bringing food.
    2. CASP movie night was a success. CASP then was notified that there was copyright infringement and a yearly fee must be paid in order to show movies *indoors*. Fee was paid for the year.
    3. Applications for faculty program enrichment have gone out in addition to PD grant applications. PTO can support any faculty member to pursue PD for up to 50%/\$250.
    4. Cabot Goods are going out
    5. Acknowledgements Committee is working on retirement party 12/6 for Ms. Bellinger.
    6. Mural- first grant was won for \$5,000 not additional fund raising is starting. Historic Newton has been working in library with Jill to teach students about history.
    7. FORJ/Understanding our Differences/Social Action could use more volunteers
    8. PTO/Cookie swap on 12/11 will probably focus on mural.
  - B. CASP
    1. Movie night snafu→ if we now need to be outside the flip side is that expensive equipment for outside is not necessary
    2. Haunted House was a success- raised about \$1100 altogether
    3. Square One Art is coming soon
    4. 5 extra curricular programs this year- the first was Dollar Scholar geared at grades 3-5. Kids Cooking Green is also over, still doing martial arts, animation, and Piano Playtime.
    5. Mystery Dinner will be 3/23. Appetizer/dessert house are already set as well as a few dinner houses

6. 11/19 is Turkey Trot as well as Divine Desserts
7. Longevity awards will be given to a few staff members.

C. Teachers:

1. Mural- Historic Newton has done a great job with grades 3-5 and Jill has been working with K-2 in preparation.
2. FORJ- one book one school, book list for December
3. Book Fair- Jill will be making bookmarks with kids to sell at the book fair
4. School Families met today and discussed how to be good audience members in preparation for artist visit tomorrow.

D. Principal

1. Building Update: furniture bids are going out soon. Traffic meeting next week- initial conversation, ultimately once final decisions are made there will need to be a more general meeting informing community about new traffic guidelines.
2. Logo/mascots/colors- letter addressing these 3 will be sent out after Thanksgiving to explain to community why change is taking place. Need to work with PTO in terms of timing so that next round of 'gear' can be bought for next year.

IV. School Improvement Plan

- A. Social/Emotional needs and diversity goal. Brainstormed list of things already in place

V. FAQ- brainstormed list of potential questions from kids, parents, staff