

PTO MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

Meeting opened at 6:05 p.m.  
19 were in attendance.

Secretary and Treasurers reports read and approved.

Thank you note read from a scholarship recipient.

Wendy met with other PTOs of the town and learned of some tax issues other schools had. Vicki has worked on this over the summer. MA requires us to be registered to legally raise funds. CPA Terry Robertson to do Tax exempt for us for \$250 plus filing fees.

All 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade rooms have Bright Links in rooms. We would like to add 1 to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. A check was received from Vermette Auto Body for \$690 towards a Bright Link. Motion made for PTO to cover the difference up to \$1400. Voted and approved.

**Springfield Armor-** Read to Succeed program. Speaker Brad Medeiros told us about the program which began last year. It is a very flexible program to increase interest in reading. Incentive based 4 week program can start anytime. It is customizable- offers tools to go along with our curriculum. They offer a kick off assembly with their mascot. Kids who meet or exceed their teacher set goal earn prizes. At end of program the kids who reached their goal get 1 free ticket to a game and discounted tickets are available for purchase. Faculty & staff included. Kids who participate go on court for parade and hi-5 players, etc. To be discussed at next staff meeting.

**Mrs. Salomao-** enrollment at 310  
Staff changes: Mr Rist- pe teacher, Mrs Alvord- special ed, Ms. Macey -longterm sub for Mrs Nowell, Mrs Robert - secretary.  
Nice job on fire drill. School evacuated in 1 minute, 28 seconds.

**PBIS initiative-** planning carnival theme again. Motion made to accept receipts from carnival for reimbursement.

**Volunteer training-** required in order to volunteer at school. 9/21 at 9 a.m. and 9/22 6 p.m.

We will be receiving 39 Ipads for teacher use during the day through funding of the Before and After school program.

Coffee with the Principal on 9/30 and 830 in staff room.  
Most will be on last Friday of the month.  
School Council- 3 statements of interest thus far.

Visit on 9/16 from MA state board of education to  
acknowledge our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade language based classrooms.

**Old Business:** End of year picnic was a great success. Thank  
you Carrie.

Welcome packets- a lot of time put in to them. Thank you  
Kelly.

**New business:** Nominations for Special Election. Vote to be  
at Back to School night.  
Amyanne nominated for president.  
Kelly Hurley, Eric Lunden & Melissa Roy nominated for vice  
president.

If Kelly accepts nomination Melissa Noftall will be  
nominating chair.

Volunteers taken for table coverage at Back to School  
night.

**Fundraising:** Casino trip 11/19. Meadow Farms out now,  
Yankee Candle to start soon.

**Teacher Appreciation:** will be 9/23.

Next meeting 10/4