



## Meeting Minutes

### BOOTH FREE SCHOOL PTO

**Date:** April 21st, 2021

**Location:** Zoom Meeting

#### Officers

**Co-President:** Jessica Granger

**Co-President:** Cara Abraham

**Vice President:** Megan Hodge

**Treasurer:** Brenda McGuire

**Secretary:** Donna Laskowski

**Meeting Called to Order By:** Cara Abraham

**Time:** 6:35pm

**Minutes from 3/17/21 were read and accepted**

**Attendance:** Cara Abraham, Donna Laskowski, Brenda McGuire, Cathy Colella, Cathleen Brooks, Roseann Cice, Kim Schramm

#### Committee Reports

**Principal's Report / Student Council Report: Speaker / Cathy Colella:**

- Attached Report

**Treasurer's Report: Speaker / Brenda McGuire**

- Read-A-Thon, Square 1 Art and Spirit Wear were successful fundraisers

**Enrichment Programs: Speaker / Meagan Hodge**

- All enrichment programs on pause – We will continue to reassess feasibility.



### **Old Business**

- Virtual Talent Show: Cara Abraham will share a communication with families extending the submission date to May 7<sup>th</sup>. As families may be pressed for time, participants can also consider submitting photos from the year to serve as a memory time-capsule.

### **New Business**

- Selection of nominating committee members were made for open PTO Board member positions.

**Meeting Adjourned At:** 7:07PM | Motion to adjourn by: Cara Abraham

**Minutes Compiled by:** Donna Laskowski



### ***Booth Free PTO Principal's Report – 4/21/21***

Cathy G. Colella, Principal and Cathleen Brooks, Head Teacher

1. Our school community enjoyed our participation in our PTO Sponsored Read-A-Thon during the month of March. We thank all our families for their support and cooperative efforts.
2. Mrs. Manley is back to Booth Free School. Students are enjoying their art opportunities.
3. Report Cards became available on PowerSchool on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. The staff and I are proud of our students and recognize how hard they work. It is a great time to set some goals!
4. On March 8<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Bennett presented the school budget virtually for the 2021-2022 school year. The district budget hearing was held on March 29<sup>th</sup> and is followed by the Annual District Meeting to be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. A referendum will take place the following day on May 4<sup>th</sup>.
5. On March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> teachers held their Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences. Thank you to all of our parents for attending this very important conference.
6. Our Local Invention Convention has been completed. Students' inventions were judged and three winners will be headed to the virtual CT Invention Convention at the University of Connecticut. Congratulations to the following students: Wilson Benner – M.I.T. Mailbox, Teo Neithardt – Ball Blaster, and Jade Santos – Mask-R-Aid The staff and I want to congratulate all of the participants. We are so proud of their amazing inventions.
7. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Elementary Celebration of the Arts took place virtually on March 30<sup>th</sup>. This program recognizes students at the elementary level with outstanding ability in the performing or visual arts and who exhibit high levels of citizenship and cooperative skills in their school. Congratulations to our recipients. They are Samantha Granger and Beckett Neithardt!
8. Student Council will be sponsoring another food drive. Roxbury's Food Bank is in need of replenishing. Information is forthcoming.
9. Students in grades 3-5 will take the Smarter Balanced Tests during the first two weeks of May, from May 3<sup>rd</sup> -May 14<sup>th</sup>. Grade 5 students will also be tested in the area of Science on May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. It is important to have all our students in school during this time.

#### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

4/21 Administrative Professionals Day  
4/26 Virtual Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.  
5/03 Virtual Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.  
5/12 National School Nurse's Day  
5/19 PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
5/27 Virtual Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.  
5/31 Memorial Day – No School

