

PTO Meeting  
Monday January 14, 2019

7:30 the meeting was called to order and meeting minutes from November were reviewing and voted in.

Lynne Update:

Building Project Update –

- It seemed at one point that the Conant site was more desirable – however the wetlands issue in the Conant site was difficult to work around and after a traffic study was done it was voted unanimously for the new school to be a twin school for Douglas and Gates on the Gates property. The school will be build for 990 students (3 sections for each grade in each school) and ideally will be finished in September 2022.
- January 30th meeting will determine if it's a 1 phase or 2 phase project
  - 1 Phase – We all move in at once
  - 2 Phase -Build it and Gates would move in and then they would keep building and then when it was done Douglas would move in
- The project will have some significant impact to Gates
  - As they build they will have to remove classrooms from Gates and put students into modular classes . Unsure what grades will be in the modular classes
  - Playground will be taken away
- Lynne will be meeting with the key players of the project weekly
- Key Next Steps
  - Jan 30 they will decide 1 Phase or 2 Phase
  - Dec 2019 is when town approval will be solicited
  - Spring 2020 they will start the project with the bulk being done in the summer
- Budget Saturday is Jan 26<sup>th</sup> - Gates operating budget for the coming fiscal year \$88,648
  - Our budget was increased to cover some of the costs that the school incurs from free/reduced meals for students
  - Also increased to cover school supplies to be provided by the school
- Kindergarten Tours started today
  - We have 2 sections 13 siblings and 27 open spots
  - Tours were not huge but other schools have a lot more openings
  - Feb 5 is the Information Night
  - PTO will have a table setup
- MCAS Dates posted – runs April-May from Grades 3-6
  - Whole school will have it online

Event Update

- **Cultural Showcase**
  - Scheduled for Friday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> from 7-9p \$10 per family

- Food will be for sale (pizza)
  - Three parents who are putting the event together
  - A handful of students are interested in participating
    - Martial Arts/Poetry/Dances
  - Need help in getting the word out to the students
    - Suggested sending flyers and sending announcements
- **50 Year Celebration**
  - They have been teaching kids about what life was like 50 years ago
  - What else can we do to promote the birthday?
- **Math Bee**
  - Scheduled for March and is running well
- **Boon Supply Company** – Will look into doing this for later in the Spring
- **NYAJ** – Doing this for January and maybe March
- **Ice Cream Social**
  - We need new chairs we have Laryssa who will continue to work on games and Molly who will work on wristbands
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook** – Katherine Wellner working on it with a group of parents and its moving along well