

November 13, 2018
PTO Public Meeting

1. Superintendent Peter Light Update

- Learn about district – 9 months. Highlight trends/patterns and see where the district can move forward
 - Parent/student/faculty forum
 - In each school for about 2 hours each month
 - Data documents review
- Submit all this in January to school committee and shape district goals
- Asking 4 questions
 - Strengths – what is everyone proud of
 - Challenges
 - Opportunities
 - What expectations do people have
- New School - Building forum later in November to discuss options
- Buses
- School Calendar
- Technology
- Emotional Wellbeing
- Communication

2. September 17 Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved

3. Lynne Updates:

- School Council met – Agendas and minutes are on the website
 - Next meeting on Nov 26th - These are open meetings – anyone can attend
- Student Council – Two teachers are guiding the group which consists of seven students – one from each class in grades 4-6 who were voted in by their class
 - The student council is focusing on community service this year
- ALICE drill this week – unplanned drill
- Report Cards – Going out Thursday Dec 6th will be on power school
 - Grades 2-6 – on trimesters and get a report card at the end of each
- Sing-A-Long – December 21st 2:00
- Kindergarten Tours – Feb 5th is Kinder Info Night and four daytime tours will be held in Jan and Feb
- Provided an update on the issue during extended day with the community member walking his dog. Issued has been handled by Acton Police department and has been resolved.
- During teacher in service day they worked on Responsive Classroom and take a break chair will be placed in all classes and used across the school
- 50 years at Gates – spreading the celebration across the year with fun facts and eventually a party at the end of the year

- Leaves of Gratitude replacing the Helping Hands – part of building a caring community goal

4. Fall Events Recap

- Fun Run
- Family Photo Day
- Harvest Fest – cancelled
- Spelling Bee – This weekend
- Giving Tree – will start in December – sponsoring 15 families
- Dances of the World – Looking to rebrand the event to make it more than dances

Misc Updates

- PTO Directory will be sent out soon