

# **Schofield PTO**

## **Meeting Agenda**

Friday February 5, 2009

Schofield Library

### **Opening Remarks**

Laura Foody

Laura Foody opened meeting at 8:35 a.m.

### **Student Council**

Fourth and Fifth graders

Student Council requested a \$100 loan to cover costs so they could purchase supplies to make scarves.

All proceeds will support recovery efforts in Haiti.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Delissa Prideaux

Delissa Prideaux reported the PTO has approximately \$100,000 in cash. The online wrapping paper was successful and raised about \$1,500 and the PTO raised \$1,200 at the School dance on January 22. In addition, fifth graders auctioned crazy cakes, sold raffle tickets and ice cream and raised just over \$2,100. All fifth grade proceeds go to their end of year activities.

### **Principal's Report**

David Wilkins

David reminded everyone that progress reports are being sent home today, February 5. He also advised everyone to read the letter sent home to parents regarding the evaluation process. The letter may be found on the Schofield website.

### **WPS Budget Update**

KC Kato

School Committee member and former Schofield parent, KC Kato presented an update on the Wellesley Public School (WPS) budget. School Committee is about half way through the budget process. For four months, they will be adding and removing items from the budget. Advisory requested all town departments provide a budget with a 1% increase over last year.

In January, WPS budget was over guideline by 5.08% and Advisory is pressuring School Committee to close the gap. As of today's February 5th meeting, there are still many unknowns, such as local aid funding for students educated out of district, and Health Insurance rates, however, the budget has been prepared using conservative estimates.

After the January budget presentation by the WPS Administration, the School Committee did not support the teacher or program cuts and added programs in the Middle and High School and reduced transportation costs for High School, preschool and Wings. The School Committee and School Administration have worked to close the budget gap and maintain the WPS educational value. One cost savings has been achieved by reducing the overall technology budget. An agreement was made to maintain and repair existing systems but not make new purchases. The next budget meeting with School Committee and WPS administration is scheduled for February 9.

There will be many changes to the budget during the months of February and March, please look for updates from the PTO and Committee 21.

Contacting School Committee and Advisory Committee with your input regarding the WPS budget is encouraged.

### **Upcoming Dates regarding the Wellesley Public School budget.**

February 9 – School Committee meets to review new changes to the WPS budget.

February 10 - Advisory Meeting at Town Hall in the Great Hall at 7pm. **Due to weather, this meeting has been rescheduled to February 24. You are urged to attend the meeting to show your support for WPS.**

April 5<sup>th</sup> - The final budget is presented at Town Meeting to Board of Selectman and Advisory Committee.

### **WEF**

Laura Hockett

Wellesley Education Foundation, WEF, is a non-profit organization, which supports the Wellesley public schools. Grants are provided to educators for programs at all grade levels that will enhance and enrich the learning of the children. Funds are raised through donations from community residents and businesses, the Red Apple program and a Spelling BEE in October. At holiday time and the end of the school year, families can honor a special teacher by making a donation to WEF's Red Apple Program in the teacher's name. WEF will acknowledge the donation by sending a card to the teacher.

Please refer to WEF's website for more information <http://wellesleyeducationfoundation.org>.

### **Committee Reports**

Road Race

Laura Foody

Schofield's annual Road Race, a major PTO fundraising event is scheduled for June 6. If you are interested in helping, the Sponsorship Committee is in need of volunteers. A schedule of meetings will be coming in March.

Fundraising/Bulb and Plant Sale

Laura Foody

The PTO is planning an online bulb and plant sale. This fundraiser requires no volunteers and 50% of all orders support Schofield.

### **Air Quality Update**

Lana Bornstein, Val Buller

Last month, air quality testing was performed in various rooms and hallways through out Schofield. David Wilkins, Laura Foody, Val Buller and Lana Bornstein attended a meeting with John Moran, Director of Facilities for the town of Wellesley and Carol Gregory, Assistant Superintendent to review the results of the Air Quality report.

There were no alarming results and no surprises, however, the reports are detailed and the PTO has requested assistance in interpreting the details of the report. The Department of Health will be involved in this project as it continues.

In the short term, there are immediate steps being taken to address the air quality within the school.

- John Moran has educated teachers and staff on the proper usage of the Heating and Ventilation System and ways to maximize the system's features.
- Simple adjustments to fan speeds may be made and changing fan belts.
- Keeping classroom doors closed.
- Using Low odor white board markers.

The PTO will keep the Schofield community updated as information is made available.

Social

Lana Bornstein

Schofield's Social Committee next event will be Pizza Bingo on March 26 at the Wellesley Middle School. Anyone interested in helping plan, please contact Lana Bornstein.

Book Fair

Laura Foody

Due to the status of our Book Fair company, the PTO is taking this opportunity to create an alternative to our traditional Book Fair. The PTO is seeking volunteers, teachers and parents, to look at a variety of options and create a new “Literacy” experience. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Laura Foody.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Worrall  
PTO, secretary

**Important Dates**

February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Shopper’s Corner, 10 a.m. – Noon: HALF PRICE SALE!
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bottle and Can Recycling, 8:15 – 8:45
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Songs of Friendship and Love, 9 a.m., Gym
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Shopper’s Corner Bag Sale 8:30 to 12:15pm
February 15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL – VACATION