

## Partners in Education Notes November 17, 2022

- Welcome/Introductions
- Executive Committee members (2 MS, 2 HS, 1 either)

| 0 | Timothy Flood    | started on committee 21-22 | parent of an 11th grader |
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| 0 | Stacey Suckerman | started on committee 21-22 | parent of a 12th grader  |
| 0 | Roslyn Michelson | started on committee 22-23 | parent of an 11th grader |
| 0 | Andrea Cawthorne | started on committee 22-23 | parent of a 7th grader   |
| 0 | Angela Zuccaro   | started on committee 22-23 | parent of a 5th grader   |

- Amy Davis Principal
- o Amy Plante Assistant principal
- Kurt Moellering Executive Director
- o Cate Wilson COO
- Vanessa Mendes CFO
- Vote on bylaws
  - Questions:
    - Can the bylaws be amended before the 3 years? Yes amendments can be made as needed.
    - Can there be a teacher representative in addition to Admin staff in PIE? Yes! All parents and staff are members of PIE, but due to timing of the meetings, teachers typically cannot attend. Amy D and Amy P will see if any teachers are free for future meetings to attend.
    - What does the extension in section 3 mean? The PIE executive committee can vote to extend membership to parents whose student has graduated if they want to stay involved.
  - Bylaws unanimously accepted by: Kurt, Vanessa, Cate, Amy D, Amy P,
    Stacey Suckerman, Andrea Cawthorne, Roslyn Michelson, Tim Flood and Angela Zucarro.

- Vote on parent co-chair
  - The parent co-chair will work with Amy D and sign off on expenditures for the PIE. They can communicate via email and sign off can be electronic.
  - Tim Flood suggests that the 12th grade level parent be the parent co-chair as they're likely to be the most senior member of the committee.
  - Tim Flood nominates Stacey Suckerman. Stacey accepts and committee vote supports appointing Stacey as the co-chair.
- Grade level parents
  - 12th grade Stacey Suckerman
  - 11th grade Roslyn Michelson and Laurel Hollinden
  - o 10th grade still looking
  - 9th grade Meredith Lopez
  - 8th grade Christina Chatalian
  - 7th grade Katherine Munz
  - o 6th grade Lauren Timmons
  - 5th grade Amy Domow and Christie Ward
    - What are grade level parents?
      - Grade Level parents help organize events to bring together their grades or multiple grades for events.
    - What can they do?
      - Past events have included: Bowling, picnics, volunteering at Cradles to Crayons.
- Upcoming LPS events
  - All school Winter Fair December 16th
    (PIE helps support this)

The winter fair will be held in the gym and includes a white elephant table which provides a fun opportunity for students to purchase gifts for family and friends. Dawn and Kerri are currently collecting gently used and new items for the white elephant table.

Other activities also include: bake sale, games, popcorn machine. Dawn and Kerri will be looking for parent volunteers to help with the winter fair. Kerri is looking into having alumni volunteers to help at the winter fair. More information to come.

| 0 | MS | Bingo Pizza Party          | March 19th              |
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|   |    | Trivia/Zoom Scavenger Hunt | TBD                     |
| 0 | HS | Monster Mini Golf          | November 18th 7:00-8:30 |
|   |    | Winter Dance               | December 9th 7:00-9:00  |

- Balance of PIE funds \$14,897.61
- Past ideas for events, etc.
  - All school Spring Cookout
  - o Teacher appreciation luncheon parent organized with LPS contact
    - May 5th ½ day
  - Canobie Lake Park parent organized with LPS contact
    - Typically at Saturday at the beginning of June

## • PIE discussion:

- Would like to repeat the cookout, teacher appreciation luncheon, pizza and pickleball.
- Ski trip- has it been done since covid? It was attempted last year, but was canceled due to a lack of interest.
- Revisit the idea of using half days for parents to hold student engagement events. There is 1 half day for parent teacher conferences in February that could be an opportunity for this idea. Transportation would have to be worked out.
   With parent support and organization this could work. Grade level parents to discuss further offline. Amy will email grade level parents.
- Other family event ideas include: Paint night, Rocky Woods family event
- Partnering with the City of Newton to rent recreational space such as Ice Skating rink.
- Has there ever been a Buddy System to encourage relationships between older and younger students, i.e. homework help, activities?
  - At the winter fair, seniors will help younger students with purchasing and the seniors will help run the games.
  - Blue/Green events also have teams made up of MS and HS students and staff. Past events have included: candy land, name that tune, trivia, etc.
- Suggestion: Create a shared doc for parents to share potential PIE or grade level parent events.
- Discuss at next meeting: Fundraising for the Angel Fund- the fund to help families pay for LPS after school programs. Current balance is \$1,056. 41.
  - Tim Flood would like to work on this. Anyone interested in helping to fundraise for this, can email him at <a href="mailto:tfloodbelmontma@gmail.com">tfloodbelmontma@gmail.com</a>

**Next PAG meeting-** 12/15/2022

**Next PIE meeting-** 01/19/2023