



**Birch Meadow Elementary School PTO
March 22, 2018 General Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, March 22, 2018, 6:00 pm, Birch Meadow Elementary School Library

Attendance: Julia Hendrix, Katrina Maher, Shannon Fratto, Amy Field, Harriet Lyons, Brandi Torchia, Lauren Sabella, plus approximately 20 additional parents.

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.

Julia Hendrix

- Community building, communication, and culture at Birch Meadow mentioned
- Introduction of Lauren Sabella and recap of two previous meetings
- Ice Breaker/feedback activity incorporating the Birch Meadow core values

Lauren Sabella

- Introduction, suggestions and goal of the meeting
- Looking for ways to increase involvement and communication

Amy Field, Treasurer

- Financials Update with graphic
- Direct Donation is vast majority of revenue
- Restaurant fundraisers have been successful

Melissa Henri, Enrichment Coordinator

- Explanation of the role/goals of the Enrichment Committee
- Provided Handout detailing Enrichment Highlights, 2017-2018 budget information, and how direct donation money is spent

Katrina Maher, PTO Co-President

- Announcement of the Special Election committee to fill the open Director of Communications board position
- The election committee is made up of the first three volunteers: Gabriella Bunker, Lynna Williams, and Petra Marino
- There will probably be an additional general meeting called in April to elect a new Communications Chair

MCAS Breakfast (1st day of MCAS only)

Chairperson - Julie Fantasia

Intercultural Potluck, Harriet Lyons

- Friday, April 6, 2018, 6:00-8:00 pm. The goal is to highlight diversity in our school.
- Mrs. Gagnon has nine students participating in a performance

The Musical, Gabriella Bunker

- Thursday, March 29, 2018, 6:30 pm at RMHS
- Over 700 tickets sold to date
- Net Income is \$14,700, \$10,000 of that is cash donations; projected to exceed budget

5th Grade Yearbook, Graduation, Dance - Katrina Maher

- Chairperson: Petra Marino
- Request for pictures, donations for the time capsule

Field Day: Scheduled for May 30, 2018 with a rain date of June 6, 2018.

Organizers include Julie Mehta, Jill DiGrigorio, and Lindsay Bello

Kate Goldlust (on behalf of Ashley Quinn)

- Reminder of the upcoming town election
- Polls open 7am-8pm
- Absentee ballots are accepted up until a certain date

Upcoming Dates:

- Thursday, March 29 Birch Meadow: the Musical
- Friday, April 6, 2018 International Potluck
- Sunday, April 8, 2018 Red Sox Game (1:00pm)
- Rollerworld: Airisenne Angle
- Staff Appreciation Week, Julie Wall
- Friday, May 11, 2018, Ice Cream Social

Next General Meeting: April 2018, date TBD

Next Board Meeting: Monday, April 9, 2018; Monday, May 21, 2018. 6:30pm.

Minutes Compiled by Brandi Torchia, PTO Secretary