

## PTO Meeting Agenda

**Thursday, February 8, 2018, 7:30pm**  
**Wood End Cafeteria**

I. Budget / Override Discussion

- a. Board of Selectmen member, Barry Berman – presentation and Q/A – 40 minutes

Current budget includes many cuts that include middle school foreign language program, reducing public library hours, hiring freeze for police and fire departments, to name a few. The BOS approved a \$4.15million override which will be voted on 4/3 in a special Town election. If the override passes, teaching positions that had previously been cut will be restored, the middle school foreign language program will not be cut, 5 firefighters and 4 police officers will be hired.

Impact of the override on residents: Tax increase will be based on home value; for the average home value of \$566,000, the taxes will increase by \$488 per year. Some seniors may qualify for the senior tax relief.

- b. YES for Reading Co-chair, Michelle Sanphy – presentation and Q/A – 10 minutes

YES for Reading is a non-profit organization with the goal of helping to educate the community about the need for the override to pass on 4/3. Information was presented and contact information was provided for anyone interested in getting involved.

II. School Update with Joanne King, Principal – 10 minutes

3/2 5<sup>th</sup> grade yearbook photos are due

3/7 is Grandparents' Day – special guest readers

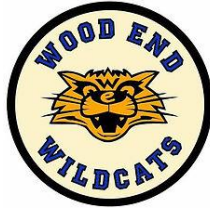
MCAS testing for grades 3-5 will occur during the window of 4/2-5/25.

School improvement Plan – update on progress was presented at the last School Council meeting and will also be presented at the next PTO meeting.

Construction Project - the school will be closed to all staff and programs for the summer to allow the skylights in the school to be replaced (2<sup>nd</sup> floor hallway).

III. General PTO Updates – 10 minutes

- a. Upcoming Events



- i. Market Street Skating  
Due to the inclement weather on 2/7, the ice rink will accept the flyers on Thursday, 2/15 from 4-9.
  - ii. Trivia Night – Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
Mark your calendars - volunteers still needed for many things; we also need to solicit donors
- b. Other reminders / info
- i. Box Tops Contest #2 – all Box Tops are due Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Upcoming restaurant nights
    - Bertucci's – Tuesday, March 6th
    - Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza – All Thursdays in March (3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22 and 3/29) – dine in or take out
- IV. Next PTO Meeting is **Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup>** at the O'Mara's home (12 Batchelder Rd). Come at 7:00pm to socialize for a bit, meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

**A Big Thank You to Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza for donating all of the food for our meeting tonight.**

**Contact us with any questions or concerns: [woodendpto@gmail.com](mailto:woodendpto@gmail.com) .**