

John Lyman Parent Association – January 8, 2019 6:30 PM

Presiding: Chris McInvale, Vice President
Location: Library Media Center, John Lyman School
Recording: Stacy Allen

Attendees: Stacy Allen, Tom Ford, Maya Liss, Jenny Lussier, Chris McInvale, Loretta Zupnik

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM

Mr. Ford had Jenny Lussier speak about how John Lyman participated in a mural exchange project with nine other schools throughout the nation. Each John Lyman student participated in creating a large mural which was cut into sections and sent off to the other schools. John Lyman then received mural strips from the other schools and mounted them in the hallway. Jenny used the opportunity to tie in a geography lesson as well and is looking for opportunities to skype with another school. **Parents are encouraged to look at the compiled mural pieces in the hallway.** Jenny welcomes visitors on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays to check out what is going on in the library.

The Book Fair will take place in March.

January 18th is an early release day and STEAM camp.

There is no school January 21st.

There will be a fourth grade band demonstration on January 24th at 2:15 PM.

Through a HOT fund grant received, Mr. Ford, with the assistance of Maya Liss, has coordinated a visit by Craig Norton next week. This is a related arts residency for all grades. He will be at the school for six days and work with students on a music/photography project.

Parents are reminded to pack winter weather clothes (winter coats, hats, mittens/gloves) for outdoor recess. When the snow comes, students will also need snow boots and snow pants.

Mr. Ford announced the debut of the new Hello Chorus as they greeted a prospective kindergarten family. There will be more visitors this month in preparation for kindergarten registration.

Chris McInvale reported the December dance was successful; over \$1,000 was raised.

Mrs. Novak is looking for volunteers for the Writers' Wall. Students submit written pieces anonymously to the Literacy Board for review. If approved, the Student is acknowledged at Assembly with a Pencil. Volunteers are needed to assist with formatting the writing, mounting

on colored paper and sending the work to the Art Board for illustration. The final product is displayed on the bulletin board when you first enter the school.

Chris McInvale is looking for one or two families to help coordinate the Corn Booth. The two families currently co-chairing this event will be leaving the school after next year. This is the biggest fundraiser for John Lyman and is how we pay for many of the student opportunities throughout the year.

The group decided to continue with the Photo Wall of cast members performing in the JLPA/Paperhouse Productions Play this year; the children enjoy receiving their notes! As a reminder, the Mary Poppins play performance is scheduled for February 15-17 at Coginchaug High School.

Chris McInvale reported that Lindsey Dahleimer has agreed to coordinate the T-shirt contest order this year. Thanks, Lindsey!

As a reminder, **please send in your box tops to the classroom!**

Maya Liss announced that Tanglewood Marionettes will be coming in late February to all classes. They will be performing the Dragon King. In April, Ann Pasquale will make a visit to the school and perform Liberty Bell, which focuses on several immigrant stories.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.