

Friends of Cutler Meeting Minutes – Monday, 9/12/18

Attendees: Jenn Clifford, Dolly McIlvaine, Catherine Donovan & Donna Stephens, approx 30 parents

Welcome, Overview & Initiatives – Val McCormack & Leslie Potter

Went around the room introducing parents and staff in attendance

- Communication: Website, weekly News To Use on Monday afternoons, Facebook page, Newsletter
Erica Mitchell will update the newsletter (5x a year)
Adam Finelli will update the website
News to Use comes out on Mondays from K. Parker and J. Clifford – FoC keep scrolling towards the bottom.
Submit info to Val M the Friday before it goes out on Monday
Facebook – forum for communication/questions/answers – great resource for quick alerts
- Volunteer Opportunities – Cultural Enrichment, Movie Night, Family Game Night. Contact Lindsay Taylor if you haven't filled out the form

Guest Speakers – Catherine Donovan & Donna Stephens from Food Services

- New parents should have received letter with info and pin
- Contact Ms. Donovan to supply food for events
- They follow strict regulations of usda guidelines; open to ideas for new foods
- Get in touch if allergies are a concern
- 3-5th graders: snacks are smart snack regulation approved; low fat/baked; income stream framingham state university has a list of approved snacks; possibility to rotate snacks with less dyes?

Principal's Welcome – Jennifer Clifford

- 285 students, 42 kindergartens
- 9 new students in grades 1-5
- 14 classrooms
- August 27+28, Lynne Nardella, Katie Parker, Dolly McIlvaine, Jenn Clifford, and Mike Mullarkey got ALICE instructor training; every room has an exit door; teachers will be learning about it online and practice scenarios; Christ Church is the emergency evacuation location; if an emergency, parents stay away so law enforcement can do their job
- Last Wednesday was the first faculty meeting
- New math program: getting all the materials and logins
- Ice breaker night on September 17, 5-7pm: come check out your child's classroom, ice cream around 6pm
- Jenn took an online class this summer about modern learning and what is the purpose of school. What is learning? What are we doing everyday and is it learning? What is a valuable learning experience? Does it have to happen in a school? What makes school meaningful?

Minutes – Stephanie Stein & Sona Revette

- June 2018 meeting minutes were voted on and approved

Treasurer's Report/Accounting – Aubrey Tosh & Shannon DeForest

- Explained the budget and expenses; Updated income and expense for movie night
- Budget was voted on and approved

Upcoming September Events - Val McCormack

- Icebreaker Evening Monday, 9/17 (5-7pm). See your child's classroom, meet the teacher and have ice cream.
- Parents' Night Out @Black Cow Thursday, 9/27 (7-10pm). Socialize with parents from all 3 elementary schools.
- Cutler Spirit Day Friday, 9/28. Show your school spirit by wearing Cutler gear or red.

School Improvement Goals – Leslie Potter

- Grounds/Landscaping (Garden & Grounds Committee): garden upkeep.
- Cutler Sign: New sign at the driveway. Will be updated frequently.
- Display Tables for Gallery: Ordered and will display Cutler work.

Ed Fund – Kristin Burke

- Kick Off Event: Parents' Night Out Thursday, 9/27
- Donate now: www.friendsofcutler.com

Free Money – Amy Howell, Lorri Manganaro

- Box Tops - cut them off, send them into school

- Stop & Shop- once you need to register online on their website
- Crosby's/Henry's- send in your entire receipt, which turn into points
- Amazon Smile- go to FoC website first and click on Amazon link from there; doesn't work on the app
- Staples

School Store – Nancy Waddell

- Opening week – September 17-21
- In the cafeteria
- \$3 limit (small coins/bills)

Cultural Enrichment – Nicole Ireland

- Theme – Leadership (carried over from last year)
- Book: The Leader in Me by Steven Covey
- All school assemblies, talk about different types of leaders in the classroom, etc
- This year trying to have kid leaders come present
- Kick off meeting Monday, September 24 if you want to be involved.

Hospitality – Kristin Burke & Melissa Brown

- Teacher luncheons (3x a year: 2 conference days and open house in the spring)
- Teacher “munch & mingle” snack provision
- Sign Up for Hospitality distribution list

Ski, Skate & Board – Jeannine Ryan and Dabney Smith

- Save the Date – Saturday 11/17 and Sunday 11/18
- Start collecting winter gear and start spreading the word
- Sell new and used equipment, apparel, etc.; Also take straight donations
- Biggest fundraiser of the year and need as many volunteers as possible

Upcoming Fall Events

- Movie Night 10/12 (PJ day at school on Friday)
- Friends Meeting Monday, 10/17 7pm (Dr. Harvey – guest speaker)
- Ski, Skate & Board 11/17-11/18

Get to Know More About Cutler – Dolly McIlvaine, School Adjustment Counselor

- Trying to make connections with kids and families
- Sept 23 or 25 new family coffee
- Played Cutler taboo