

## TECEC PTO MEETING Minutes



**February 3, 2016**

- Call to Order-Danielle Dunleavey called the meeting to order at 7: 04pm.
- Present: Amy Lehaney, Danielle Dunleavey, Monica Brown, Michelle Spinelli Weiner, Denise Coughlin, Heidi Staffaroni, Krista Zilberg, Ms. Claudia and Mr. Matt
- December Minutes (Amy Lehaney) There were no questions.
- Treasurer's Report (Heidi Staffaroni)-\$2 fee for paper statements now unless we switch to online, Heidi will try and get to the bank soon to switch to paper statements
- Upcoming Events
  - Playdates (Danielle Dunleavey)- We had one last week Kids on the Moon on Pepper Street in Monroe. About 30 kids attended and it was lots of fun. They will also donate to ABNO. For February Danielle is planning on Next Dimensions on a Friday morning between 9-11ish at around \$10 per child. Heidi also suggested Insports, Backyard Playscape or Ole. Danielle will look into these as well.
- Fundraising
  - Spiritwear (Denise Coughlin and Amy Lehaney) The shirts are in and in good condition and will be distributed this week!
- A Big Night Out –We are looking for donations and sponsors. The next meeting will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm at Marisa's.
- 10 Year Anniversary Celebration-It will be on April 29 from 5:30 to 7:30. It will include an Open house, food and ice cream trucks and the PTO is being asked to supply the petting zoo and activities for kids including tattoos, face painting and crafts. We will also create a Facebook event as it gets closer. We discussed the possibility of having princesses at the party (Ms. Claudia's daughter's friend dresses as Elsa) and getting Middle school volunteers to help. There will be no rain date so we discussed tents and rain contingencies.
- Open Forum

- Thank you notes were shared concerning the Snowflake Program and the Staff Baking Box.
- The vision screening equipment will be ordered at the end of February.
- Wheeler's Words of Wisdom – Dr. Wheeler
  - There was a Safety and Stay put drill today and the Trumbull Police Department was present. It went very well. Every month the school will have a drill.
  - The new calendar is online for next year. TECEC will most likely start on 9/6 for am and 9/2 for pm with open house the last week of August.
  - There has been some talk about changing the start time of school but there is no official discussion about it yet.
  - There is a Parent Workshop on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm about Bridging and the Transition from TECEC to Kindergarten. There will be many speakers present and is for both special needs and peer families.
  - There will be a March Workshop with Todd Kellogg, date and topic to be announced.
  - Todd Miller will be doing a workshop on play on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at TECEC and additional workshops will be scheduled based on parent interest.
  - There have been no big changes in the budget and no change in tuition currently.
  - There was an assembly on January 20<sup>th</sup> and it was well received. Bucket Filling Bob and Barky both made appearances. It lasted about 15 minutes.
  - A big thank you to the PTO for attending and speaking at the Open Houses.
  - If you need tax information please let June know and give her about a week of time to get it ready.
  - There were 12 new students last month.
  - Super Bowl Spirit Wear is tomorrow or Friday
  - There is a Father's Club meeting tomorrow night and movie night on Friday. The Olympics Date has not yet been determined.
  - The brick project is coming along though no prices have been set yet.
  - The BOE is still looking for substitute paras. Please contact BOE if interested.
  - There is information posted on our Facebook page about the New Haven Symphony kids program this weekend.

The next meeting will be on March 2, 2016 at 7 pm in the TECEC Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.