

January 10, 2018  
7:00 p.m.

### Amvet PTO Meeting Minutes

#### **Attendees:**

<b>Ursula Gaynor</b>	<b>Joy Tetreault</b>	<b>Jenna Crovo</b>	<b>Kelly Whitney</b>
<b>Kristy Bonneau</b>	<b>Michelle McKeon</b>	<b>Sandra Balay</b>	<b>Katie Bloom</b>
<b>Pam Robichaud</b>	<b>Gina Hustler</b>	<b>Beth Haselton</b>	<b>Katie Fisher</b>

#### **President Update – Pam Robichaud**

- Holiday Shoppe was a fun event and thank you to Kristy Bonneau for coordinating and shopping for the event. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped.
- Thank you to all the families that donated gift cards for the holidays.
- There are many events coming up in the next few months.

#### **Principal Update – Mrs. McKeon**

- The town budget will come before the selectman on January 18, 2018. The schools have nothing left to cut from their budget and are in desperate need of more funding. Please check out the information on the North Attleboro website, transparency page. There is a drop-down menu that shows comparisons to other local cities budgets/spending. For example, the city of Mansfield spends 30% more than North Attleboro on their school budget.
- MCAS dates will be sent home every Monday in the weekly email. All testing will be done on the computer this year, for all grades. The tech. department will need to be present in the building.

#### **Teacher Update – Beth Haselton**

- The kids loved the “Wonder” movie field trip, thank you for making it happen. This movie sends a good message to the children.
- Thank you for providing the laptops, they make a huge difference in teaching/learning and the kids love them.
- Amvet is hoping to get a grant that will provide an access point for the internet in every classroom. The way it is set up now, only a few classes can be online at once and even then, the internet connection is weak.

#### **Vice President – Sandra Balay**

- Harlem Globetrotters has been booked for March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Still looking for volunteers for:
  - ❖ Mother/Son event
  - ❖ Father/Son event

**Secretary – Katie Bloom & Ursula Gaynor**

- Please copy Katie Bloom on all events, so that she can update website, newsletter, Facebook, etc.
- Meeting minutes unanimously approved for December, 2017

**Treasurer – *Joy Tetreault & Kelly Whitney***

- Treasurer report is unanimously approved.

**Fundraising – *Kristy Bonneau***

- Five Below/Restaurant night has raised over \$1,000 to date.
- KC Burger restaurant night will offer lunch and dinner. They will donate 10% of sales. You must mention it is for Amvet.
- Box Tops collection will need to be sent in March 1, 2018
- Shoparoo is doing well, please remember to scan receipts.
- Stop & Shop is doing well.
- Scrips raised \$790.84, the next Scrips order will be sometime in the spring.
- Spirit-wear will place another order in the Spring (maybe sooner?).

**Enrichment – *Jenna Crovo & Lisa Frisoli***

- Waiting to see if we can add Author Maripold. Decision tabled until February.
- January enrichment:
  - ❖ Cartographer for first grade will be on January 22, 2018
  - ❖ Cartographer for third grade will be on January 24/25, 2018.
  - ❖ Fifth grade Star lab will be on January 25, 2018.
  - ❖ Kindergarten Penguin Palooza will be on January 29, 2018.
- Upcoming February enrichment:
  - ❖ School Wide, Hero Art will be Friday, February 9, 2018.
  - ❖ Third grade, Little Red Schoolhouse will be February 27, February 28 and March 1, 2018.
  - ❖ Fourth Grade Discovery Sound will be on March 1, 2018.
- Hoping to get Cultural Grant to help pay for Hero Art.
- Tentative Field Day date: Friday June 15, 2018.
- Fifth-Grade Field trip will be Wednesday, June 13, 2018. Only two buses will be needed this year, instead of three.

**Committee Updates****RIF – *Katie Fisher & Gina Hustler***

- Next RIF distribution will be on March 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>.
- Still waiting on the Emerald Square Mall check to fund RIF. Contact at the mall said it should be mailed soon. Possibly take a picture for mall.
- Gina was able to give “Wonder” books as prizes for top readers.

**Playground/Recess – Lisa Frisoli**

- A local Special Needs Advisory board will need blueprints of swing to be reviewed by an engineer, before it can be installed.
- Once snow has melted the infield will be aerated and reseeded.

**C.A.R.E.S. – Jen Florczyk**

- Pennies for Patients will begin one week after February vacation.
- January spirit day will be on January 19, 2018. This spirit day will raise funds for the volunteer group that helped stencil the playground area.

**School Store – Ursula Gaynor**

- School Store dates are January 11<sup>th</sup> and January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Grant Writing – Katrina Lay**

- Amvet was awarded the Play60 grant. The grant money will pay for a smoothie machine and new recess equipment. Smoothies will be on the school menu; fifth graders will do a taste test. A giant check will be coming to school, some students will be needed to take a photograph with check. The recess equipment purchased will be new balls, a new cart, hula hoops, etc. There is a checklist, that if accomplished, will earn more money for Amvet through this grant. The Smoothie machine was \$2,000 and covered the nutrition part of the grant. The recess equipment was \$1600.
- Amvet was not awarded the Target grant.
- Amvet is hoping to be awarded the Home Depot grant for the Garden club.
- Amvet is hoping to be awarded the Cultural Council grant to help pay for Hero Art.

**Auction – Katie Bloom**

- Amvet's bi-annual auction will be held on March 10, 2018.
- Solicitation letters have been sent out.
- A Save-the-date flyer will be going home soon.
- Next Friday there will be a meeting to discuss invitations, theme, live auctions, themed baskets.
- We are still looking for donations for the Auction.
- Classroom gift baskets will be done again this year. Lisa Frisoli will coordinate collection.

**Talent Show – Betsy Barrett & Tina Clarke**

- The talent show will be held on April 6, 2018 in the NAMS gymnasium.
- Registration will begin before February vacation.

**Globetrotters – Sandra Balay**

- Globetrotters will be on March 31, 2018.

**Other**

- One Up Games will offer a coding class, after school. Space is limited and there will be a charge of \$12-15 per student. A flyer will be sent home to fifth graders, who will be piloting the program. Space is limited and the first class will be limited to 10 students. The class will take place on Tuesday afternoons from 3-4, for a four-week session. This first class is a trial basis.
- Please visit the “Love North Schools” Facebook page and checkout their newsletter. There will be featured teachers and most talked about stuff. This is to promote positivity.
- The Boy Scout Eagle project is ongoing. New benches will need to be measured for and built.
- Next Tuesday is a Professional Development day; there will be no school.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Next PTO meeting: February 14, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.**