

Jonas Clarke Middle School PTO Meeting
March 9, 2017

In attendance: Patricia Holguin, Trish Weisberg, Xiumei Carrie Wu, Kamal Anand, Alison Arshad, Nassma Halaseh Matalaka, Jane Kennedy, Valerie Upham, Clarke principal Anna Monaco, and Jennifer Velis

Treasurer's Report by Trish Weisberg

- Taxes were just completed
- Clarke spirit wear clothing is in the hole but will be sold in the spring to Clarke students and incoming 6th graders
- Red Sox tickets are also in the hole. There are 34 tickets left and we hope to break even. Proceeds will go toward scholarships for the 8th grade trip to Washington, DC
- Book fair came in \$500 less than budgeted but the Magazine Drive came in about \$500 over budget
- PTO expenses are under budget to date

Principal's Report by Anna Monaco

- Minuteman High School is offering an after school program for middle schoolers. A bus will pick up at Clarke, take kids to Minuteman and return kids to Clarke at 6pm. More information at front office
- The school's addition/construction is going well and still scheduled for completion by the start of the 2017-2018 school year. Clarke will be closed this summer so some rooms can be reconfigured, some permanent walls put up, etc.
- Enrollment is still rising. There will be half teams for all 3 grades next year
- Clarke has started posting available teacher positions such as part time drama teacher, half team teachers and others
- World Language Week starts 3/15/17. The PTO sponsored a mariachi band to come play, as well as performers for a 7th grade assembly.
- DC Trip update: working on rooming assignments. For kids not going on the trip, there will be 3 days of fun outings in Boston (Fenway, State House, MFA, Quincy Market)
- Quebec trip is being planned
- Spain trip had a meeting for the kids today. They depart on 3/22/17 and return on 3/31/17
- Yearbooks are on sale now. Link on Clarke website if you'd like to purchase.
- Barring any more snow days or school cancellations, the last day of school will be June 22nd. Tentative 8th grade moving on ceremony will be June 21st in the evening

- Spring sports sign up started 3/1 and can be done online via the Clarke website

Clarke Night Out update by PTO presidents Jennifer Velis and Patricia Holguin

- Instead of the previously announced King's Bowling event, the PTO has decided to have an adult only event on 5/6/17 at Vine Brook Tavern instead
- Live entertainment by Dave Moore
- Kentucky Derby theme
- Prize for best Derby hat
- Horse racing squares will be sold in advance
- Tickets sold in advance on PTO website. Parents can sponsor teachers to attend
- There will be a small number of raffle items and silent auction items
- Details still being worked out but this is the current plan (subject to change)

PTO positions update

- Many PTO board members are moving on from Clarke so there will be many positions that need filling for next year
- One thought is to extend an invitation to 5th grade parents to our May PTO meeting so they can get a sense of what we do and how we could use help