

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2024 - 6:00PM AT SWEETSIR SCHOOL
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: PTO PRESIDENT: JACLYN KELLEY
MEETING MINUTES TAKEN BY: THERESA NUNES

MERRIMAC PTO MEMBER MEETING	
MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	Jaclyn Kelley, Sarah Gilmore, Theresa Nunes, Ryan Venshus, Krista Niles
TREASURY REPORT	<p>Financial Status Update will be given at the May meeting due to Tracy's absence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Read-A-Thon check in the banks.• Operating Budget of \$27,720• A Treasury Report was provided to attendees, and asked to review.
HOT TOPICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scholarship- Sarah Gilmore is organizing senior scholarships. The deadline is 4/15. Sarah will engage volunteers online to review. There are currently no applications yet, but she did confirm that we are on the list. Krista will add the scholarship info to the top of the weekly newsletter.• 6th Grade Sweatshirts- Sarah is helping coordinate this. The design is all set to be sent to the vendor. So far there are currently 3-4 orders. A flier will be sent home with 6th graders.• School Supply Kits- Information has been posted on facebook and instagram. The PTO currently has 3 orders.• Field Day<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ T-Shirts will be the same color scheme as last year, except for the staff.• 2024/2025 Fundraisers- Jackie is happy to set up fundraisers for the next school year, but will not be running them. Someone will have to take the lead on this.• Merrimac Goes Back to School- The timing of the start of the 2024/2025 school year is different from previous years, so will circle back to this at the next meeting after talking with Mrs. Dembro.• Board Positions- Still no one for the president position.
Misc. PTO BUSINESS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teacher Appreciation - May 28- May 31 , details to come at the next meeting.• Yearbook<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sarah Elwell is getting 6th Grade photos.○ Individual photos are a mess at the moment. Geskus has added classrooms and students that do not exist. Sara V is working on this issue.○ Sara V. is going to reach out to Mrs. Niles to cross reference school lists.○ Flyers to order are coming out within the next few weeks. They will cost about \$25.○ Yearbooks will arrive by June 1st (as long as they are ordered by May 1st)

- Sara V. wants to come into the schools to schedule a day to take candid photos. Krista said the best day will be April 22nd. Krista will communicate to staff that she is coming in.

- **Royal Ball**

- Confirmed that Party Fun deposit has been paid.
- School reserved for May 10th at the Sweetsir (6:30-8:00)
- Sara can start setting up at 1PM that day.
- The DJ is all set for 6:00-8:30.
- Jackie to confirm police detail.
- Remaining budget after the Party Fun deposit is \$1800.
- Sign Up Genius for volunteers and goodies.
- Flyer to School for approval and blurb for smores

- **Field Trips**

- 5th Grade Field Trip to Planetarium in Worcester on 4/25.
- \$2,328 for buses and admission.
- Tracy is confident about funding the trip in full.
- Meeting Attendees voted yes to fund the field trip in full.

- **Ice Cream Social**

- June 6th does not work because of the art show that night.
- June 5th is open
- May 30th is open
- Jackie will confirm dates with Nancy, as well as the timing of the event.
- Budget is approved for \$700.

- **Family Game Night-** not sure where this event stands. Last report was that Jen was booking the space, but that has not happened yet.

The Next PTO meeting will take place on May 13, 2024 at the Sweetsir School at
6:00PM