



## Cottage Street School PTO Membership Meeting Minutes from May 5, 2016

Meeting began at 7:05p.m., adjourned at 9:02p.m.  
26 people present

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Meet the School Committee Candidates: Marcy Kaplan, Emily Smith-Lee, Valerie Vigoda:** In advance of the town election on May 17, the three candidates for School Committee spoke at the meeting. They each gave opening remarks, fielded questions, and then gave closing remarks.
3. **Approved April 2016 meeting minutes by voice.**
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Elizabeth reviewed income and expenses, report distributed.
5. **Committee Updates:**
  - a) **Teacher Appreciation:** The teachers/staff members present at the meeting gave great feedback. They thanked everyone and said that the week went above and beyond all expectations.
  - b) **Yearbook:** The yearbook is complete. There is a waitlist for anybody who still wishes to purchase one. We asked whether teachers enjoy receiving yearbooks as year-end gifts and they said that they appreciate them.
  - c) **Mother's Day Plant Sale:** The sale is tomorrow and all set up in the gym. There will be a limit of 7 plants per student. If a child does not have any money, they can get one free plant.
  - d) **Book Fair:** It was a huge success. The poster raffle was a big hit as well.
  - e) **Art Night:** The evening was unbelievable!
  - f) **Screen Free Week:** This will be next week. Currently there are 88 participants signed up. The Bertucci's/Orange Leaf fundraiser will be on Tuesday night, Game Night on Thursday night, and Relay for Life on Friday afternoon/evening.
6. **Principal's Report:**
  - a) Rubik's Cubes—Mr. Madden will be sending out a message about Rubik's Cubes, as they are becoming a distraction at school.
  - b) PARCC—Testing is going smoothly.
  - c) School Council Survey—The survey has gone out. Answers are anonymous.



## **7. New Business**

- a) Nominations of officers: The current slate has been nominated.
- b) Ice Cream Social June 7
- c) Talent Show June 14: Auditions will take place on May 31, June 1, and June 2 during recess. Signups are in the lobby.
- d) End of the year gifts: We will vote next month as to what gifts to buy for the school with the leftover money. Teachers/staff should put forth ideas. A recycling system for the cafeteria is one item under consideration.
- e) Bike Rodeo: This event was great. It included helmet fitting. Something similar will be offered by the Boy Scouts at the Sustainable Sharon event.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.