



Cottage Street School PTO Membership Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2017

Meeting began at 7:00p.m., adjourned at 8:25p.m.
42 people present

1. **Welcome and Introduction**
2. **Guest Presentation on Sharon High School (SHS) Building Project**—Dr. Greer (Superintendent), Dr. Libano (SHS Principal), and Mr. Wertz (Interim Director of Maintenance and Operations) spoke about the state of the SHS Building. Sharon High School has been invited into a partnership with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), which will subsidize a portion of either renovating the building or new construction. In order to move forward with the partnership, more than 50% of those in attendance at Town Meeting on Monday, November 6 in the SHS Auditorium (childcare will be provided) need to vote “yes” for a feasibility study. Their presentation included many visuals and afforded those in attendance to ask questions about the project. For more information, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/SharonHighSchoolBuildingProject/>
3. **Approved September meeting minutes by voice.**
4. **Treasurer’s Report and approval of 2017-2018 Budget:** Liv reviewed income and expenses, report distributed.
5. **Committee Updates:**
 - a) **Thanks to the BBQ and Book Fair Volunteers:** A special thanks to Wendy MacArthur and Leandra McLean. 140 families came to the BBQ this year, almost twice as many families, and it was a great afternoon for all. For Book Fair, in addition to the money made for PTO, over \$770 in books was donated back to students and classrooms (including scholastic dollars for Summer Reading Programs, Mrs. Goldberg’s Summer Learning Program, etc.) Great job, Wendy and Leandra, and all those who volunteered!
 - b) **Membership drive:** The membership drive continues all year. The Directory should come home in backpacks (for those who joined PTO) next Tuesday or Wednesday.
 - c) **Coupon Books:** The books are out and checks should be sent in or books returned by next Tuesday (October 10).
 - d) **Picture Retake Day is November 17:** We are not sure when the first round of pictures will come in, but it will be before November 17. The pictures were taken outside, and it was a bit hot. So, if you are not happy with the



pictures, don't hesitate to sign your child up for retakes. Coffeepond wants everybody to be satisfied with their photos. Thanks to Jen Brown and Meg Dussault for all of their work in chairing Picture Day!

6. Principal's Report:

- a) Custodian Appreciation Day took place earlier this week and was extremely successful. The students took part in cleanup activities in the classroom and wrote notes to the custodians. Hopefully, students will continue to better clean up after themselves as a result. The custodians were very grateful! Thank you to Zainab Abdulaziz for bringing the suggestion to us!

7. New Business

- a) Popcorn Friday begins October 13—The first one is free and after that, it is \$.25. Volunteers are needed.
- b) Halloween Bingo is Thursday, October 26th—Tiffany Dunn is heading this once again. It is a fun family night. Folks are welcome to wear costumes (not required) and in the past could bring a carved pumpkin to be entered into a contest. Stay tuned for more information.
- c) Committee Vacancies: Scholarship (Ann Keitner and Geoff Gerrietts will chair), Yearbook (Anne Yu volunteered to help with pictures), and Playground (Ann Keitner will chair). Thank you to those who volunteered!

Meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.