



## **Cottage Street School PTO Membership Meeting Minutes from November 7, 2019**

Meeting began at 7:03 pm and adjourned at 7:45 pm  
14 people present

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

### **2. Principle's Report**

- a) MCAS** - Mr Madden discussed the results of MCAS with the meeting. There are two indicators that are used to assess MCAS results: achievement and growth. Our achievement is not as good but our growth is better. Mr Madden was happy with overall results. One note he made was that attendance is taken into account when assessing MCAS results and our attendance went down in the 2018/2019 school year. This is just an observation as most students' reasons for missing school were valid but he wanted to note that this would bring down the school's overall results.
- b) Homework** - The results from the survey about homework were varied. Mr Madden will work to ensure there is consistency in the amount of homework between teachers in the same grade levels

### **3. Treasurers Report**

An overview of the 19/20 budget and spend to date was given.

### **4. Special Guest**

Mrs Gilman showed us what a typical music class was like taking us through a song with musical accompaniment. She also took questions about the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus and musical instrument program.

### **5. Committee Updates**

- a) Membership** - we are very close to our membership goal this year.
- b) Book Fair** - we receive 25% back on all sales at the book fair, ½ of that is in scholastic money and the other half is in money.
- c) Cougar Fun Run** - the Fun Run will take place on the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving and will emphasize giving back to our community.
- d) Game Night** - this is scheduled for November 14.
- e) Fun Fair** - we are still looking for volunteers for the raffle and concessions.
- f) Family Dance** - The theme of the winter dance is Aloha Winter and will be held on December 6.

## **6. Next Meeting**

We will be having a holiday social at The Square on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm