**PTG Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, 3/11 @ 7:00pm | Willard Elementary School**

***Attendance:*** *Kristen Lester, Kaitlyn Whittier, Sam Jaddou, Meagan MacNutt, Jeanne Fahey, Erin Prebil, Kaitlyn Whittier, Matt Lucey, Yumi Yasutake, Laura Bulino, Jamie Ring, Robin Baughman, Darcy Heintz Perkins, Andrew Herchek, Liz Cobbs, Tracey Marano, Anjuli Curran, Amy Beth Gelineau, Meghan McManama, Mave Cuddy, Matt Lucey, Colleen Currier*

**School Committee Candidates** - Elizabeth Cobbs, Andrew Herchek & Tracey Marano visited to share more information about themselves.

School budget, school policies, and superintendent evaluation are the three primary responsibilities of the school committee. The candidates introduced themselves and then answered questions such as: why are you joining the school committee, what is your personal view of the middle school naming process, what is your priority re: budget over the next term, and how do you each measure student success? Thanks to the candidates for giving their time to join our meeting and their open and direct engagement.

Please feel free to learn more about them via their websites:

[www.lizforconcord.org](http://www.lizforconcord.org)

<https://andrewherchek.com/>

[www.Traceymarano.com](http://www.Traceymarano.com)

April 9th is the election- please get out and vote!

**Principal Update** - Matt Lucey

* We received a grant to support another part time mental health professional at Willard (10-12 hours per week). This individual will be in the building working on site via HRS (based out of Wellesley).
* Lucy the service dog is continuing to bring joy to the students- going very well.
* ALICE drill is still being coordinated and parents will know the date it will be occurring.

**Presidents' Update** - Kristin Lester/Kaitlyn Whittier

**Spring Events:**

* **Willard Spelling Bee**| Friday, March 22 | Grades 3-5 | time varies by grade
* **Willard Science Fair |**Saturday, April 6 | “The Wonder of Science” | 2-3:30 PM
* **Willard Spirit Day/Earth Day**| Monday, April 22
* **Willard Cultural Kaleidoscope**| Sunday, April 28 | 1-3PM
* **Willard Family Math Night**| Friday, May 3 | 6:30-8:30PM
* **Willard Spring Fling & Raffle**| Sunday, May 19 | afternoon

**Solar Eclipse**

The solar eclipse will be taking place on Monday, April 8. Since it’s occurring right at dismissal time, schools will be offering glasses and teaching curriculum that day. PTG will be helping to fund the glasses.

***PTG Committee Updates***

**Treasurer’s Report-** Colleen Currier

A few more donations came in from the Orange Theory fitness night. A few assemblies were paid for. Expenses include: reimbursement for some teacher expenses/classroom supplies, Ms. Josselyn purchased library books with book fair funds, and coffee for the teachers’ lounge was purchased.

**Cultural Kaleidoscope-** Jeanne Fahey

Held throughout the school- gymnasium hosts cultural display tables where families display about a place/culture; cafeteria hosts food hall where you can sample international cuisine; auditorium hosts musical, art, and dance performances. Will have games managed by high school volunteers. Event will have a quiet space available.

Doesn’t have to be an extravagant display, even a simple presentation is engaging and welcome at the event.

This year we changed the name to better reflect the inclusive goal. Cultures can be represented via states, countries, regions. Question about how to better connect families with each other (i.e other families from India, Germany, or China to collaborate with)- we can try to use the sign up sheet to identify countries of interest and put people in touch with each other or suggestion was made to email as it gets closer with countries represented and contact info to join the effort.

**Willard Wear-**

Sales were open through March 20th.

**Alcott Playground-** Kaitlyn Whittier

Question from Alcott PTG about our playground as they need to redo theirs. Do we (Willard) have recommendations for them as to what we like/dislike about Willard playground? Suggestion was to connect them with Mr. Serra who knows a bit more about this.

**PTG Funds/New Initiatives**

All Willard staff will be gifted Willard Wear from the PTG. Other thoughts on contributions we can make include: Willard tree? Outdoor learning space? Our own playground enhancements?

*Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm*