



## PTO Board Meeting MINUTES

January 25, 2019, 8:30am

Principal's Office

**Attendance:** Jessica Gilmartin, Jenifer Weber, Una Simmons, Joana Canedo, Todd Harrison

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### 1. Teacher Mini grants

The PTO current policy is to grant \$250 per project, when resources are available. This year we can provide funds to the requests below:

- PE - teachers need to be more specific about what they need and what the costs are. Miriam already contacted them.
- Library - since the project request is \$500, the teacher needs to have a co-sponsor, maybe in the English department.
- Science - project approved.

Mini grants should be project based, not teacher based. Teachers can get a \$75 individually

Mr. Harrison asked the PTO support to cover the additional \$600 from the PTO budget set aside for Urban Improv. The program is for students in each grade to gain a deeper understanding of characters in a specific novel they are reading in English class through dramatic exercises.

However, because of time constraints at the end of the year, the program might be just for 6th and 7th grades. In this case, there will be no need ofr extra PTO money.

### 2. 8th Grade - End of the Year

- Cruise instead of dance - 3 hours - bus from school. Boston Harbor Cruise
- Around \$60 per student
- The date cannot be defined until NPS knows when last day of school is (decision is usually made in March).
- Boston Harbor Cruise
- They would need 15 chaperones - between teachers and 6th and 7th grade parents. PTO might have to pay par tof the chaperone costs.
- Gift for students that parents can buy if they want: Bulldog stuffed animal. It is going to be added to the menu of options for 8th grade when

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they sign up for end-of-year activities (Cruise, Yearbook, DVD, etc.). Gifts will be delivered the day of graduation.

### **3. Class gifts for the next years**

- Water fountains (already purchased and installed) - Classes of 17 and 19  
Jessica will get plaques for both
- TVs for cafeteria (for school Announcements) - classes of 20 and 21. The TVs were ordered and will be delivered soon. Player needs to be ordered.
- Bike Rack is a gift from the PTO. Treasurers need to pay for it.