
Bigelow Middle School PTO

42 Vernon St., Newton, MA 02458



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Bigelow PTO Fall Meeting Minutes May 3, 2019, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Attendees: Jessica Gilmartin (Co-President), Jennifer Weber (Co-President), Una Simmons (VP of Fundraising), Joana Canedo (Secretary), Todd Harrison (Bigelow Principal), Karen Markson, Linda Gillepsie

1. Call to Order

Jessica called the meeting to order.

2. Principal's Welcome and Update

Bigelow Beats had a concert at Bigelow on Thursday night and sang "We will be back", from Hamilton, at the [Mayor's breakfast](#) on Friday morning.

Bigelow did well at the Track State Meet on Saturday. A Bigelow 8th grader won the 1 mile race.

Generation Citizens project - part of the 8th grade Social Studies curriculum. Bigelow students presented 8 projects at Newton Civics Night, on 05/28, along with the other 3 middle schools.

Global Citizens project - part of 6th Grade Social Sciences, students will present their "call for action" projects on June 13th at the cafeteria.

Friday: step up day.

Monday: 8th Graders going to NY.

PTO is thinking about other ways to fund the 8th Field Trip so no students are excluded. Example of a school where the students (not parents) raise money for the full amount of the trip.

3. Slate Presentation and vote

On behalf of Tracy Carrol, Nominating Committee Chair, Jessica Gilmartin, co-President, proposed the slate below.

Proposed 2019-2020 Officers:

Co-Presidents – Karen Markson and Una Simmons

Vice President – Joana Canedo

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Treasurer – Linda Gillepsie

Secretary – **open**

Nominating Committee – **5 open**

Slate approved.

4. Budget vote

The PTO budget for 2019-2020 was discussed at the Board Meeting on Friday, 05/31. ([See here](#)).

Proposed Budget approved.

Mr. Harrison asks for the support of the PTO in the purchase of 2 laptop carts (56 laptops). The board approves. Details need to be addressed with the Treasurer.

Membership dues for the 2019-2020. All Bigelow Middle School parents & guardians are members of the PTO. Dues are voluntary, but the suggested donation is \$20 and they include one paper copy of the Bigelow Family Directory. Additional directories are available for \$15. Access to the online directory is free and it can be used by all Bigelow families.

5. Annual Meeting Checklist

We all agreed that we completed all that was mandated by the by-laws and accounting/taxes requirements, following the [PTO Board Annual Check List](#)