

Meeting Minutes
6:30 p.m. – January 19, 2022
Via Zoom
Open to entire Doyon Community

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FRIENDS OF IPSWICH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Board Officers: Beth Gillander, President; Lisa Costa, Vice President; Melissa Simbliaris, Treasurer; Melissa Lees, Secretary;

Participants: Kat Cornetta, Moira Kelly, Brooke Desmond

Principal: Sarah Goodale-O'Brien

Teacher Liaison: Teresa Hohenstein

<u>Time</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Owner</u>
6:30 PM	Welcome & Introduction Beth welcomes everyone	Beth Gillander
6:44 PM	Principal's Report 2022 started off not quite where we would like to be due to covid cases/surge; teachers have been thoughtful with placement of students in the classroom as well as cafeteria seating; teachers have been working hard on several different initiatives- one is social studies, Doyon and Winthrop teachers have met to put together a quality social studies format; SLT has been going well, being cautious and careful; each week is a zoom Friday morning meeting, discussed MLK with 5th graders involvement; would like to really improve the playground space at Doyon (push for fundraising), last time it was updated was 2001	Mrs. Goodale-O'Brien
6:31 PM	Teacher's Report Author visit will be January 31st (joint with Winthrop and Middle School librarians), both schools will be zooming together; Wacky Hair Day is this Friday; book fair funds were \$3.5k for the teachers	Ms. Hohenstein
6:33 PM	Approval of 12-15-2021 Meeting Minutes Melissa makes motion to approve minutes, Beth seconds, APPROVED	Melissa Lees

6:35PM Treasurer's Report/Staff Funding Requests

Melissa Simbliaris

Melissa provides breakdown of fundraiser and expense activity on Zoom; Beth asks if Scholastic funds go straight to the teachers, Ms. Hohenstein confirms that once the funds clear the Scholastic shopping lists get shared with her and she then circulates to the teachers and staff to 'go shopping'; Beth makes motion to approve Treasurers Report, Lisa seconds **APPROVED**

One teacher request from Ms. Hill- \$145.00 for postage stamps for Valentine's Day (Council on Aging); Beth makes motion to approve \$145.00 for postage stamps for Valentine's Day cards, Lisa seconds **APPROVED**

6:50 PM Old Business

Beth Gillander

Volunteers for Joint Social Doyon/Winthrop Event

Moira says that Maggie (at Winthrop) indicated that there are some Winthrop folks who are a bit uncomfortable with a large-scale event due to covid; Kevin (a Winthrop parent) has offered to donate DJ responsibilities and lighting (he handled Illuminations in town last year); if we decide to move forward with planning we will need committees to coordinate event; May is right around the time of the override, would be a nice opportunity to bridge the two schools together; Melissa suggests waiting to hear back from Winthrop FRIES meeting (tonight) and to send a survey to the FRIES Facebook page as well as in the school newsletter

Social Media Volunteer

Kat Cornetta is our new social media volunteer, is welcome to suggestions; Moira suggests posts on the Facebook page when we get positive feedback on our fundraising efforts (note from local senior citizen, where our fundraising funds go and how it benefits the Doyon community, etc.)

7:02pm New Business

Beth Gillander

Doyon Devours Books

Comes up in March, dates needed, typically done the week of March 2nd, volunteers needed, Beth offers to help Ms. Hohenstein (Ms. Hohenstein says that Sue Roge previously handled the funds, social media posts, etc.), will reach out to contacts to see if they'd like to be mystery readers again; Ms. Hohenstein mentions that there will likely be an author visit on March 2nd; suggests getting each student a book for Doyon Devours Books like last year (the students really liked it), cost would be approximately \$2,500.00; Ms. Hohenstein mentions chain

supply issues, Beth says she'd like to make sure that she has enough of a cushion; Melissa makes motion to approve \$2,500.00 for a book for each student at Doyon, Moira seconds **APPROVED**

Back to School Kits

Nikki Laroche launched this last year, was successful; Ms. O'Brien and Beth both thought it was a great idea to keep it going (ease for both the teachers and parents, not a fundraiser)

Sidenote: Ms. O'Brien mentions Pencil Box, many students have inquired about it; pros: a great opportunity for parents to come in and the students get excited to make purchases, looking for someone to pick it back up again; Moira mentions that more environmentally-friendly options would be great; Ms. O'Brien recommends against Oriental Trading, there are better options out there; Beth suggests possibly revamping so each student picks one item at no cost to them; will revisit at the next FRIES meeting; Moira suggests reinstating Pencil Box in the fall since we're halfway through the school year

7:17pm Adjournment

Beth thanks everyone for coming, next meeting is on February 16th

Beth Gillander