# PTO Meeting Minutes September 16th 2019 Attendance: Kelly Pelesky, Jess DeCicco, Tori Reade, Jenn Drake, Michelle Bomfed, Laura Hunter, Erin Halpin, Kelly DeMayo, Melissa Cervenka, Courtney Averyt, Lara DiPace, Rose Allocca, Amy Ulto, Aimee Costello, Jennifer Campbell, Tranislia Frazier-Clark, Melissa Keiser, Denise Scairpon, Sarah Van Beuzekom, Jaime Bergen, Andrea Alfano, Luz Chalemin, Suzanne Sanders Tonight’s meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm. Pledge of Allegiance I. Motion to accept minutes from June 2019 meeting by Tori Reade, 2nd by Aimee Costello. ALL IN FAVOR II. Reports: A. Principal’s Report:

1.Thursday is Picture Day in the gym  
 2. MAP Testing is this week  
 3. Monday is Peace Day  
 4. Wednesday is our first Nellie Nickel Day  
 5. Bus Line Up Arrival will now be the same as Dismissal  
 6. Teachers have raised $156 for lung cancer through participating in Dress Down Day  
 7. Fifth Grade Assembly Program started this week  
 8. Department of Ed; Hearing Impaired Training today  
 9. Lab Sites for Literacy; Implementing Literary Instruction  
 B. Treasurer:

1. Doing financially better than expected.   
 2. Raised approximately $680.00 at our Back to School Event.  
 C. Fundraising:

1. Jess DeCicco proposed doing a Fun Run on school property in June 2020, possibly   
 as the start off for Field Day. 70% of profit will go to us. Volunteers will be needed.   
 Permission slips to be sent home re: allergies or opting out. Possible Rainbow   
 Sprinkler Arch. Possible Atlantic Health Staff Volunteers, as per Kim Nestor

2. Fundraising Performance: Currently doing well on Spirit Wear, Nellie Sales & Pure   
 Vida Bracelets.  
 3. Jaime Bergen & Melissa Cervenka will be chairing Spirit Wear, with a possible   
 online store to come.  
 4. Boon going well so far. Catalog sales close on 9/30. Online sales will remain open all year.  
 5. At this time, we have 2 gold and 3 partner level sponsors.

6. Opt-Out letter will be going home in students’ backpacks tomorrow.

D. Membership:   
 1. Current numbers: 227/350 current paid members

E. Programs:  
 1. Red Grammar will be doing 4 school wide assemblies this year; 2 in the morning  
 and 2 casual meet & greet type events for the 4th and 5th grades, as well as a   
 night time concert. The PTO will be handling Red’s hotel expenses. We voted on

accommodations.

Kelly Pelesky made the motion to vote, Jess DeCicco 223 yays, 0 no’s for Extended Day near

Sky Zone.

2. Yes You Can assembly for pre-k through 5th grade; paraplegic Olympian who was   
 bullied, will teach kindness, acceptance & diversity.

3. Mad Science coming up in March; STEM for K-5. Fire & Ice.

4. Hip Pickles for Pre-K – 5th, promoting the arts.

5. Applied for NASA program; 20 minute link to speak with person inside space  
 shuttle. 10 groups per session will be accepted. Closes December 2019.

6. Proposed Save Around fundraiser. Similar to KidStuff Books, but also works   
 off an app.

7. Lara DiPace suggested a program idea; Common Ground Speaks. She invited

Staff & PTO to the Willow School on October 24th at 7pm to hear a presentation.  
 F. RPC:

1. RPC Meeting went great. Several room parents are in attendance tonight.

2. Trick or Trunk will be run by the 5th grade class and chaired by Melissa Cervenka.  
 Held on 10/25 from 6:30-8:30. DJ, Boy Scouts, LVFD & Lighting have all been

Secured.

3. K will be running Bingo for Books with Luz Chalemin chairing. 1st grade will be  
 running the coin drive. 2nd grade, Spring Picnic. 3rd grade Family Game Night,

4th grade, a family dance.  
 III. Old Business:  
 A. School Supply Kits had several issues this year. 4th grade pencil cases were broken & replaced.   
 we lose money when we provide kits for students in need. Aimee Costello is proposing switching

to a for profit company in the future. Kits on a whole, is very labor intensive. Is anyone willing  
 to take it on next year?

IV. New Business:  
 A. New Spirit Bundles for upperclassmen; t-shirts & bracelets.  
 B. Nelly Nickels to have a reason behind what they’re being earned/used for ie:outdoor equipment.  
 1 student/grade/month selected as a Notable Nelly. Possible whole school assembly to

recognize notables.

C. Marie Janssen would like to ensure that every event has a yearbook photographer. When

chairing an event, please contact Marie.

D. Proposed Applebees &/or Sky Zone fundraiser. Need chair person.

E. Possible re-vamp of Spirit Sticks. Kim Nestor made motion. Jess DeCicco 2nd. All in favor.

V. Lara DiPace won tonight’s raffle.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.