

**PTO General Meeting
Wednesday
September 21, 2016**

Board Members Present	Denise Forest, Yvette White, Lainie Dalby, Lori Tinari and Kristi Daly
Call to Order	7:00 pm
Introduction of New Art Teacher	Mark West – first year at Buckingham. Rolling out “Artist of the Month.” He will select one artist from 1-3rd, and one 4-6 th .
Update on 2016/17 Progress Report – Presentation	Mrs. Vollman, sixth grade, represents Buckingham on student reporting committee. 2016-2017 Report Update Grades 5 & 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter grades (A, B, C, D, or F) in Academic subjects. • No letter grades in special subjects. • Learning Descriptors used 2nd and 4th marking periods and special subjects. + = Exceeding the Standard S = Meeting the Standard - = Approaching the Standard Grades 1-6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar to previous years. • Fewer Success Standards (down from 19-11) • Removing Behaviors of a Writer Committee formed to make recommendations for 2017-2018
Update on Report Card committee	Denise Forest is the parent representative for Buckingham. 43 parent volunteers, administrators, teachers across the region. Goal is to have a new progress report drafted by January for revision and rollout in September 2017. Denise will continue to provide updates.
Approval of Minutes	Minutes approved. 1 st – Anne Piotrowski, 2 nd – Lori Tinari.
Revisions of the by-laws	Vote to approve provision to address an unexpected resignation. Appointment by president with approval by board. Unanimously approved.
Book Fair - 9/26-9/30	Anne Piotrowski, co-chair, in attendance. Need additional volunteers for family nights Monday and Tuesday.
Fall Fest – 10/15	Christine Manion, chair. Looking for additional volunteers.
Spiritwear	DeeDee Snyder, chair. Changing vendors to an online option, SportsHut. Hoping to have a display in time for Fall Fest to display to families.
KidStuff	Sale ends this Friday, 9/23.
Treasurer Report	2015/2016 Fundraisers raised over \$28, 000. Net Income of 12,738.

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PTO gifts totaling \$30, 938.
2016/2017 plans to raise funds for a rock wall and mats.
Request to consider using funds for a 3D printer.
See attached documents.

Harlem Wizards

Last time we hosted was a huge success.
Planned for June of 2017.

Principal Update

School Opening

- Theme – “Wonder Buck Knights – Activate”
- Super Hero Assembly to introduce the theme to kids

Constitution Day

- Grade appropriate additions to curriculum across all grades
- Enhanced activities in 4th and 6th grade

Gaga Pit

- Mr. Durie & Mrs. Hendershot introduced during regular PE class to students and staff
- Recess use alternates between the two grades

Recess before Lunch

- Kids get their activity out prior to eating
- Fewer visits to the nurse during this time period
- Kids more focused and reduction in loss of instructional time

2016/2017 Building Goal

- Enhancing Reading Instruction
- Importance of Read Aloud
- Collaboration with Bridge Valley

Grade Updates

Meeting Adjourned

8:15 pm

Minutes respectfully prepared by Kristi Daly, PTO Secretary.