

PTO Minutes 3.7.19

- Thank You
 - Tracy Dew and Molly Peeples for book fair
 - Sold \$5500 in books
- Advocacy
 - General Assembly is considering changing system by which schools are graded. It would be a 15-point scale instead of current 10-point. Senate bill would shift split between proficiency and growth to 50/50 instead of current 80% proficiency and 20% growth
 - Currently 41 bills before General Assembly regarding calendar flexibility so that may be a future change
 - Federal government proposing voucher system that would not come from appropriations, i.e. unfunded. Taxpayers could donate to fund and would then receive a tax credit for every dollar donated.
- Mini-grants
 - \$2200 left in budget
 - Vote to award \$1000 to Mr. Butler and Ms. Olson for 5th grade drums project and \$250 to 3rd grade artist in residency with Dewayne "B Love" Barton to study Asheville history
- Auction
 - Need more donations for live auction and food
 - Secured child care at YMCA until 9:30
 - Funded need currently drum residency and social justice league
 - Online auction a week before and a week after
 - Tickets are available for families who need financial assistance with price and will also have prepaid Lyft account for transportation
 - Volunteers needed
 - Event page setup on Claxton parent facebook page
- Nominating Committee
 - Will need to begin filling positions for next year...will need volunteers for nominating committee and spaces for next year. Please let Molly and Southard know if you will be staying on in your position next year.
- Mr. Edwards Update
 - Read Across America week was a great success. Thank you to Ms. Brown. She focused on books representing greater diversity than just Dr. Seuss.
 - Had first social justice league presentation and understanding gender identity will be next

- Math night and chicken dinner had been paid for with Title I funds, which have been cut. Accordingly, we are going to pull this event back into the school day. Still hope to include parents and will incorporate with pi day.
- Moog Foundation will have a summer camp at Claxton and will offer scholarships to Claxton students
- Other
 - Interested in having parent representatives on Lighthouse Team
 - Would involve one after school meeting per month