

Sicomac PTO
Meeting Minutes | December 6, 2023

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 7:30pm held virtually on Zoom
Meeting called to order by President Courtney Carrelha

Attendance:

PTO Executive Board Members Present: President Courtney Carrelha, Vice President Lauren Westmark-Gonzalez, Fundraising Co-Chairs Alex Bottino & Allison Vartabedian, Secretary Danielle Brick, Treasurer Karen Sagot, Volunteer Co-Coordinator Lindsay Calhoun & Nicole Morin, Principal Mr. Raimo, Teacher Liaison Mrs. Mazie, Technology Teacher Mr. LaMorte, parents and guardians of Sicomac students.

There were approximately 31 people in attendance.

Officers' Reports:

Secretary: Danielle Brick

- Today's meeting minutes will be posted on the PTO website

Treasurer's Report: Karen Sagot

- Reviewed current budget (attached below)
- New ZEFFY platform currently in use (special for non-profits):
 - Does not charge PTO or your credit card any processing fees
 - Currently using this for lunch orders
 - Tip option does not go to PTO - you can set to "zero"
- PTO subsidizes buses for all field trips to help parents pay less
- Pizza, bagel and Jersey Mike's lunch ordering now open for 2nd half of year until December 18; any issues with platform please contact Karen Sagot

President's Report: Courtney Carrelha

- Karen just took us through a very detailed analysis of where our fundraising dollars are utilized:
 - We always want to be transparent with how we use the funds that you donate
 - Any time you want this information you can ask us
 - We have to make sure we are funding now so we can pay for events later
 - We are currently at 32% where we need to be for the year
- Jibbitz flash sale!
 - December 7th after school in Sicomac parking lot
 - \$5 per Jibbitz (total quantity 300)
 - If you cannot make the sale at school please reserve your Jibbitz using the Google Form that was emailed (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeO16gksN80tOtThhD7QTM42dyTfLckx6Xna8HgKMDejhldg/viewform>)

- We Are Wyckoff umbrella distribution:
 - Available for pickup on December 7th where Jibbitz sale is being held; if you can't pickup then, we can arrange a time for you
- Mr. Raimo, the PTO president, and several staff members had a meeting to discuss the current climate of our school; we have a great community and relationships with students, teachers and parents and we plan to continue this

Fundraising Chair's Report: Alex Bottino & Allison Vartabedian

- Thank you for all your donations to our school, including our spirit wear and Cards for a Cause fundraisers
- Thank you to the Military Bridge committee: Julianne Albano, Pam Christ, Lauren Kanter and Connie Piccirillo; it was a very successful and fun evening
- Reminder: Tons of Toys and Tons of Treasures fundraising opportunity December 7-8; 15% back to Sicomac when you mention our school. Please shop local!
- Sicomac Social: March 15, 2024 - our biggest fundraiser of the year!
 - We have big shoes to fill with what has been done in the past
 - Will be held at Indian Trail Club - a casual, fun evening with music and games
 - Tickets will go on sale after the holidays
 - We have started reaching out for sponsorship/gift basket opportunities; please let us know if you have any ideas, or if you have a business that wants to get involved

Volunteer Co-Coordinator's Report: Lindsay Calhoun & Nicole Morin

- Economy Shop:
 - First Sicomac Week (last week of October) was completely filled! Thank you to all our volunteers; because of you we did not have to close the shop
 - Positions currently available: Seeking a VP of Volunteers and an Eisenhower representative (student)
 - Current amount given to Sicomac for 1st quarter sales - \$4,000!
 - Next "all-schools" volunteer dates: December 19-20
 - Next Sicomac Week: January 16-20, 2024
 - Family holiday event: December 9 - Santa's Toys for Tots Train lands at 11am at the Economy Shop; coffee, cookies and refreshments will be served; vendors from around town will be there; please bring gifts to donate
 - Class parents please remember to volunteer one shift (or two) this year as part of your responsibility
 - **Courtney Carrelha**: \$4,000 is an incredible addition to our budget; thank you to all who have volunteered; the Economy Shop is a wonderful way to give back to our kids and teachers without having to reach into our pockets because you are donating your time rather than money

Technology Report: Mr. LaMorte

- Technology/STEM update (presentation attached)

Staff Report: Mrs. Mazie

- Curriculum updates for each grade level

Principal's Report: Mr. Raimo

- You may have noticed that Officer Rob is not out front this week; he is attending training sessions (part of the requirement of his position)
 - Wyckoff Police Dept. has staffed us all week in his absence
 - Officer Rob has embraced his role in the school and loves the kids and staff; he has wonderful rapport with our community
- Today is last day of the 1st trimester
 - Report cards for grades 1-5 will come out on Dec 15 at 3:30pm
 - 4 is the highest we can score a student
 - 3 means the student is exactly where they are supposed to be for their grade level
 - 2 means certain skills need further growth and development
 - Always reach out to your teacher for clarification or questions
- 5th grade Intramurals are back!
 - They will be held 2 days each week- Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:55-8:35am by our Physical Education staff
- Winter concerts are being held this week and next week
- Mr. Potosnak will soon announce the 5th grade show for the Spring
- New lunch aide starting soon! He is a retired school counselor of 20 years and is excited to take on this new role and work with students again
- Ms. Boele has created a monthly counselor newsletter that is posted on our school website; this is a great resource for parents with important information
- Sicomac staff are constantly learning and striving to be their best by utilizing our school instructional coach, attending development days for literacy and math, and attending behavior management courses

Additional Reminders and Announcements

December 11: 4th grade Staff Sweets day

December 12: 2nd and 3rd grade holiday show for students at 9:30am

December 13: 2nd and 3rd grade holiday show for parents at 9:30am

December 15: Polar Express (Pre-K through 1st)

December 25-January 1: School closed for holiday recess

January 5: Kid's Night for Kindergarten (6:30) and 5th (7:45)

January 12: Kid's Night for 1st (6:30) and 4th (7:45)

January 19: Kid's Night for 2nd (6:30) and 3rd (7:45)

Next Meeting: January 3, 2024 at 7:30pm VIRTUAL

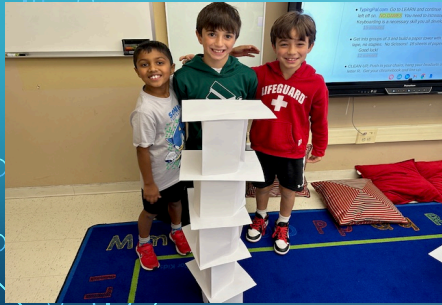
Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Minutes compiled by Danielle Brick, Secretary

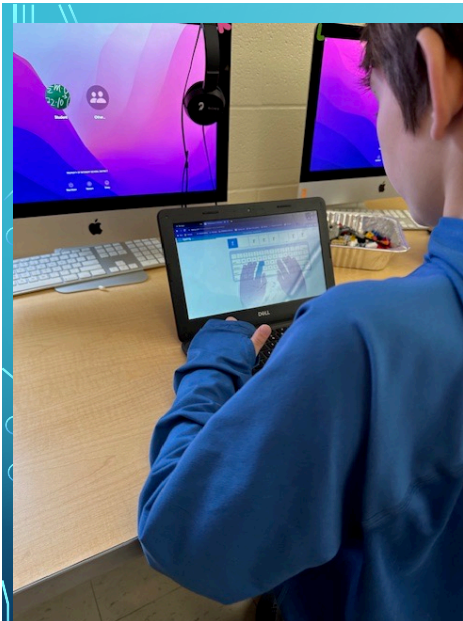
**Sicomac School PTO - November Treasurer's Report
Wednesday, December 06, 2023**

Checking Account	
Register Balance as of 10/01/2023	55,136.09
Cash Receipts:	
5th Grade Activities - Monies for Bowling	454.96
Bank Charge Reimbursement	19.77
Dinner fundraisers	413.60
Directory Advertising	325.00
Donation	401.00
Media/Book Fair	3,092.93
Membership Dues	990.76
Military Bridge	926.35
Nicholas Market Hot Lunch	24.41
One Book/One School - Hot Dog & Hands Down Cookie sales	2,707.81
Pumpkin Sale/Pumpkin Auction	2,365.97
School Tool Box	1,132.25
Spirit Wear	4,750.00
Interest	4.42
Total Cash Receipts	17,609.23
Cash Disbursements:	
5th Grade Activities - Bowling Event Balance	578.00
5th Grade Activities - Class Shirts	1,242.00
5th Grade Activities - Spring Lake Deposit	1,500.00
Bagel Lunch	2,920.33
Business Expenses	281.74
Cultural Assemblies	1,550.00
Directory Books	1,046.00
Harvest Festival	921.78
Jersey Mike's Lunch	5,252.30
Jibbitz	360.00
Misc Expense	100.00
Moms Night Out	400.00
Musical Rights	665.00
Outdoor Classroom	2,510.60
Pizza Lunch	3,370.58
Polar Express	26.39
Pond Maintenance	150.00
Promethean Panels	638.00
Teacher Grants - Bus for 4th Grade Waterloo Trip	850.00
Teacher Grants - Bus for 3rd Grade Bronx Zoo Trip	600.00
Teacher Grants - New Teacher Wyckoff Spiritwear	198.00
Total Cash Disbursements	29,014.00
Register Balance as of 11/30/2023	43,731.32
Deposits in Transit as of 11/30/2023	-
Outstanding Checks as of 11/30/2023	405.00
Bank Balance as of 11/30/2023	44,136.32

TECHNOLOGY COMPUTER SCIENCE STEAM

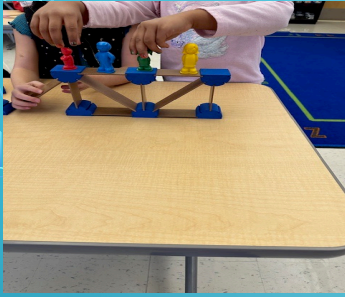


Above: Sierra & Zara, worked on a STEM activity to create a bridge for the Billy Goat Gruffs to crossover the troll. To the left: Ajay, David, and Anthony, created a tower out of paper. The tallest so far has been 51”.



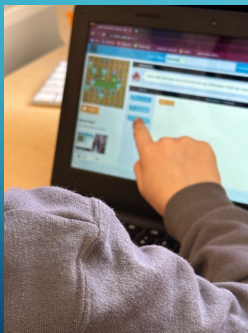
In Kindergarten and first grade, students work on programming & code for their BeeBots to move along a created pathway. They use Kodable, Code.org and other programs to work on their skills to code and program. This is a necessary foundational skill in computer science. We work on directional vocabulary, up, down, left, right, top, bottom, north, south, east, and west.

First through fifth grade classes work on TypingPal.com to learn a life-long skill of keyboarding. Learning where to place your hands on a keyboard can make a significant difference when working in our core classes.



Our students are working together to solve problems that are presented to them. Sometimes we have unplugged activities, and other times we have plugged-in activities to solve. They are learning life long skills of cooperation, perseverance, patience, tenacity, and resiliency.

We are working on Code.org a free site, for education, for coding and programming. These courses support our pre-readers and readers alike. They learn about equity in computer science education in support of access, diversity, and inclusion in K-5 computer science classrooms. It is fundamental for every student's success, they tend to perform better on other subjects, excel at problem solving, are better prepared for their middle and high school experiences.

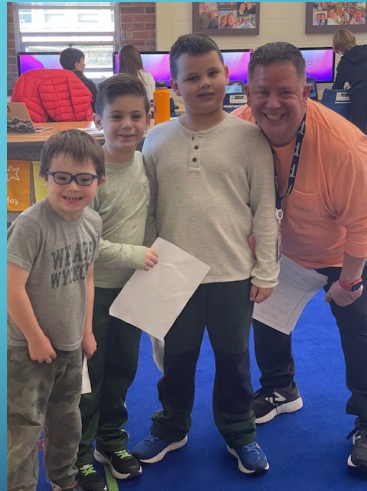


Key things we will be doing this year Pre-K thru 5th grade.

- Google suite
 - Digital Citizenship
- Code.org
- Apple programs and applications
- TypingPal.com and/or Typing.com
- Lego building & design
- Osmo
- BeeBots & DashDots



Wyatt's Poster, all about me!



Nico, Dylan, & JP with Mr. La Morte