



Newman PTC Meeting

October 21, 2016

MINUTES

Principal Reports:

- A PTC board member volunteered to be a parent representative of the Newman Health and Safety Team. This group helps to implement the ALICE safety protocol and checks in with students to make sure that everyone is feeling safe.
- ALICE information night:
 - November 7th at 7:00 PM
 - Newman will begin to implement the ALICE safety protocol with students in November
 - A survey will also be emailed to parents. This will be an opportunity for parents who were not able to attend the meeting to discuss their concerns/questions. Another meeting may be scheduled.

Teacher Report:

- The recent Understanding Different Abilities (UDA) program was very well received by the students. There were some excellent discussions as a follow-up to the program.

President Reports:

- Sign update:
 - Newman PTC is working to get an information sign for the front of the school
 - PTC members will present the reason for needing the sign at the next town meeting on November 7th
- Spirit Wear:
 - The designs for this year's Newman spirit wear have been finalized. PTC board members will vote on colors.
- Superintendent's Meeting:
 - The director of Needham Youth Services did a presentation at the most recent superintendent's meeting. He can come to Newman to do a talk on

any topic relevant to our youth and their well-being. Counseling services, free of charge to Needham residents, are also available. Website: <http://www.needhamma.gov/index.aspx?NID=79>

School Committee Report:

- School Committee meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, held at Broadmeadow school
- Starting next year, the day before Thanksgiving will be a full day off
- Start of school next year: August 30th
- Please vote NO on Question #2 on election day. Research shows that charter schools are not in the best interest for public education.
- Please vote YES on Question #5 (“yes” for a new Hillside school). We need majority of “yes” votes to go ahead with the building of the school. Goal for new Hillside school to open: Sept 2019
- Information night about the new Hillside school: October 27th at the Center at the Heights. You will be able to view the design, hear from the architects, and learn more about the project.

Board and Committee Reports

Family Activities

- We need more volunteers
- Volunteers for various events will include 5th, 6th, and 7th graders
- There was a great volunteer turnout for the Monster Ball

Fundraising

- Adult Social
 - Theme: heroes and villains
 - Date: April 8
 - Place: village club
 - Hello Newman band will play
- Annual Fund
 - There was approximately 50% participation in donations when envelopes went out at start of the school year
 - Next meeting: Nov 2nd, 7:30 PM, Nikki Heidman’s home

Curriculum Enrichment

- There are a bit fewer events than last year
- First event of the year went well
- Early Learning Center (ELC) will have activities as well this year

5th Grade Activities

- There are over a dozen parent volunteers in this committee

- Planned events:
 - Mom's night out at New Garden
 - Social/movie night
 - Outing at Launch
 - Variety show
 - End of year celebration
 - Youth services will do a presentation about responsible phone use
- Looking for parent of 4th grader to shadow Caron Savegnor (chair of current 5th grade activities) , to prepare for a chair role for next year

Next meeting: Friday, November 18th at 9:00 AM