



Sargent PTO Meeting #7
March 9, 2022, 8:00pm

Agenda

1. Meeting preview (2 minutes):
 - a. PTO reviews agenda
 - b. Foundation for Beacon Schools Rep
 - c. Principal's report
 - d. Some updates from us
 - e. Open discussions/follow ups
2. Foundation for Beacon Schools Rep (5 mins)
3. Principal's Report (10 minutes)
4. PTO Updates (25 mins)
 - a. FOLLOWING UP FROM LAST MEETING
 - i. 5th Grade Tiles**
 1. Update on 2020/2021 tiles installation?
 2. Funding for 2022 tiles?
 - ii. 5th Grade Trip to Sharpe**
 - iii. NYS Seedling Grant / Ms. Hammond**
 1. Where can shrubs be planted? (Grounds dept question)
 2. Delivery on May 2 - 30 shrubs!
 - iv. Building Visitors**
 1. We can now welcome guests to our classrooms. In progress with several now. (PTO would like to bring in City Council reps, local author)
 - v. Spring Open House - Equity Committee Art Show - Scholastic**
 1. The School Equity Team will work with Art dept to get the Art Show to happen during Spring Open House and coincide with the Scholastic BOGO Book Fair the week of May 23
 2. Parent volunteers - how can we help?
 - b. NEW/CURRENT PLANS
 - i. HV Seed Fundraiser Launched
 - ii. Reading Month Activities (Ryan, Maria, Ms. Cervone)
 - iii. Open seat for Vice President - Thank you, Maria Guido, for your work.
 - iv. 5th grade parent group has some volunteers - first meeting March 10, 3:30pm
 - v. BHS Scholarship Applications are available. Deadline May 20



1. -Ask for parent and teacher volunteers for the scholarship judging committee

- c. FUTURE PLANS
 - i. Spring Photos April 20 - SIBLING
 - ii. Scholastic BOGO 5/23 book fair
 - iii. Teacher Appreciation Day - volunteers needed
 - iv. (no date yet) Spirit of Beacon Day planning committee?

- d. QUESTIONS PARENTS ASKED OF THE PTO
 - i. State Testing - Opting out? Taking the test?
 1. What does it mean for our school if students opt out?
 2. What are the reasons for not opting out?
 - ii. Bullying - PLEASE NOTE - no specific bullying incidents will be discussed here. This is just a means for parents resource.
 1. What steps should a parent take if their child is experiencing bullying?
 2. How can we mitigate the situation prior to taking to the principal? (social worker? Kindness Drive, Kindness Mural Project?)

- e. REMINDER ABOUT School Resources! <https://www.beaconk12.org/domain/40>
 - i. Educational links
 - ii. School psychologist contact info
 - iii. Help for addiction and abuse

5. Open discussions and brainstorms (15 mins)