

PTO Meeting–December

December 16, 2010

1. **Fireside Chat with Karen:** Draft of the policy is on the APS website (<http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/administration/bullyingprevention/pdfs/bullyingplandraft11-22-10.pdf>) and is open for comments. Talks about cyber bullying as well. The advisory council will define how the legislation relates to Peirce. Legislation did not make bullying against the law, just made the protocol across all schools the same. If teacher, parent or child reports bullying, principal opens an investigation. If evidence is discovered, parents are contacted and it is documented. If behavior is repeated, consequences are that it goes into child's permanent record. If bullying crosses over to criminal behavior, police will be called.

For preventing bullying, open circle is being updated to include more information on bullying specifically bystander education.

2. **Urgent New Business:**

Susan Goetcheus : Mrs. T in January will be switching regular library period with library recess (grades K-3) so the kids can use the gym during library recess.

Please keep in mind, if you are doing events, photograph them for the website and local papers.

Lori Pescatore: Cookie decorating and stocking stuffing will happen tomorrow after school.

Pamela Baldwin: Fundraising committee will have a meeting the second Friday after we come back from school. Collecting for the rummage sale will happen in January.

Talent show will happen Friday, January 21st.

Jocelyn Willet: Feb 11th–Read Across America. Event on March 4th with author Julie Hahnke

3. **Open Q & A:**

Why do we have our banking through Citizen's Bank? Could we look into banking into banking at Cambridge Savings Bank? Lori will look into options.

Can we show educational videos or just read during the library recess time? Put on agenda to discuss at next meeting.

4. **Co-presidents' remarks: Janice Weinberg**

Format of future PTO meetings will include “Fireside Chats.” If parents have topics that they would like to talk about, feel free to share with Susan, Janice or Karen.

5. Teacher Report: Tara Lamont:

Kindergarten will do “Box City.” Kindergarten will also do planters if they can be moved to the front of the building.