

# CHAMPLAIN PTO

## PTO Meeting Oct. 10, 2019

**Attendees:** Jessica Blackman, Vanessa Berman, Katlyn Morris, Erica Houskeeper, Rebecca Grannis, Jen Coleman, Paul Shepherd, Angela Duquette-Catlett, Joe Resteghini, Jen Eringis, Deanna Allen, Laura Rabinovitz, Ellie Wegner, Mia Hockett, Cassie Lindsay, Joe Dery

**Halloween:** Principal Joe Resteghini reported that Champlain will not be hosting a Halloween party or have a day of costumes at school. An official statement from Superintendent Obeng highlights how the school district intends to be leaders, equitable, and inviting of all families. Angela Duquette-Catlett will put together a list of local and accessible Halloween events to be posted on the Champlain Community Facebook page and in the weekly Blue Note.

**Harvest Fest:** The annual event raised \$2,800 (the PTO is still tallying expenses) and was a big success. Heather Chernyshov has compiled a list of feedback about the event to help make some tweaks for next year. Feedback included giving volunteers more specific direction and having job descriptions written down and handed out when volunteers check in. It was also discussed that the event should have at least one volunteer coordinator and a logistics person. The event also ran out of food this year, so we also need to determine how to manage quantities next year.

**Food Safety Committee:** Jen Eringis spoke about managing food safety at Harvest Fest and other PTO events to prevent children with allergies from coming into contact with nuts, sesame, etc. Jen Eringis and Deanna Murphy will provide a list of safe foods that are prepackaged and labeled that can be available at PTO events. They will also come up with signage recommendations.

**Finances:** Grant-round funding applications are due Oct. 11. The PTO is still looking for an individual or business to donate a leather/vinyl coach and Bluetooth speaker for the school lobby.

### Other to do items:

- **Jessica Blackman and Rebecca Grannis** need to get six \$100 Visa cards to Aziza Malik for Charlie Cart

- **Rebecca Grannis** to connect with Burlington DPW about signage for cross walk at Champlain.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**The Scholastic Book Fair** will be Nov. 21-27 in the Champlain Lobby. Jen Colman and a committee are working on the event. The goal is to raise \$3,000, and for every child at Champlain to receive a book. Teachers can make a wish list, and there will be a coin drive to help subsidize book purchases. Kids can volunteer for the event and help with set up and working the register. The PTO will ask Teacher Rep Betsy Patrick about how money raised from the event should be used (cash for grants or receive Scholastic products). The PTO is exploring whether to also host an Art Show/Book Fair at Phoenix Books this fall. Laura Rabinovitz volunteered to talk to Kerrie Mathes and Sonny Samut about logistics and timing.

**PTO Fundraiser at Chipolte** will be Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 5-9. A portion of sales will benefit the Champlain PTO.

**The November PTO Meeting** will be Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 a.m. in the Champlain Art Room.