

**Missituk Elementary School PTO Meeting**  
**School Year 2021-2022**  
**Wednesday, May 4, 6:30 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Time      Item**

**6:30      Welcome & Board Introductions**

Looking for new board members for next year. Elections will be held at next month's meeting.

**6:40      Guest Presentation: Stacey Schulman, Director of  
School Counseling and Behavioral Health**

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Developed in response to pandemic. This year the focus has been on Zones of Regulation; next year being redesigned with what the students need.

Questions:

As something that's separate from the classroom - taught separately as a pull-out special; how is it integrated into the classroom and with Responsive Classroom?

*Could potentially phase into something else (integrated into the classroom).*

Special Ed and Nexus - kids who live in both worlds and cross between. This was not addressed in Nexus and kids felt overloaded with social-emotional language who are getting a lot of this content in other places and with other support teams. How to think about what different groups of kids need.

*Nexus is not a one size fits all model. The goal is skill-building. It will not be repeated next year. Shift to executive function next year. Incoming K students will also get the focus on*

How does the behavioral team and science behind it and Responsive Classroom mesh with things that are more punitive like pink slips and non-logical rewards like the PBIS store.

*We had talked to Ms Galusi about this and next year – shift in focus on logical consequences.*

How to add in other options for curriculum/pedagogical approaches? (Acting, puppet play, yoga, etc)? Right now it seems like there's a focus on worksheets, etc.

Zones of Regulation materials

*Next year, hope is to increase parent involvement across the board with Nexus.*

## **7:10 Teacher Appreciation Update**

At Missituk, we do Teacher & Staff Appreciation MONTH (instead of week!)

Chalk drawings over the weekend.

Friday – staff breakfast; sign up here to bring items:

<http://volunteersignup.org/3QCDC>

May 19 – dessert bar: <http://volunteersignup.org/AFX98>

Last week of May – cards & gifts

## **7:15 Events and Enrichment Update**

*Thursday, June 16 – Fun Day is BACK (rain date: 6/17). Volunteers needed! Events in the field, magician, dance class. CORI check needs to be done to volunteer for Fun Day or any field trips, etc.*

*Friday, June 17 – Partnering with Medford Rec on movie night at Tufts Park. It'll be a public event, but will also be an end-of-year event for Missituk. Activities from 7-8pm; movie at 8pm.*

Field trips

May 19/20 – K to South Medford fire station

May 20 – 5th grade to Kimball Farm, hoping to make this a tradition for 5th graders

May 25 – 1st grade to Drumlin Farm

June 7 – 3rd grade Plimoth Patuxet

4th grade – Zoo

June 14 – 5th grade – Boston Tea Party Museum

Enrichment – June 2 – Anna Lee (acrobat) for all school

Clubs - we are running 5 outdoor clubs, so unfortunately we had a large number of kids waitlisted. If WL this time, kids get priority next time if clubs are offered again. Mural club project is ongoing - Ms Mazaka is still working with the group, planning to start painting at the end of May/beginning of June. If interested in working on clubs next year, let us know - Ingrid will be transitioning off the board after her 3rd grader leaves Missituk in a couple of years.

5th grade volleyball game (kids vs. teachers) - coming back - June 9 / 5-6pm in the gym.

### **7:20 Fundraising Update**

Question - school supply kits for next year?

5th grade - fundraising specifically for 5th grade expenses and trips

### **7:25 Other PTO Updates**

June 7 - last meeting of the year - running elections for new board members

### **7:30 Principal Kay's Corner - not in attendance**

*Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 6:30 pm*

*Elections for new PTO Board members!*

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