



**PRS PTO Meeting Notes  
November 13, 2018**

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**AGENDA**

Welcome and Introductions	PTO Board
Brick Campaign Update	Marc Zirolli
South Windsor Youth and Family Services	Kelly McKenney, LMSW
Wood Memorial Library	Liz Root
Events Update	Event Chairs/PTO Board
PRS Updates	Michelle Dixon

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**Brick Campaign Update – Marc Zirolli**

- The ordering and processing of the bricks has begun for the brick garden/courtyard at the NEW Philip R. Smith School! Alumni and community members are also welcome to order bricks. Please spread the word! Personalized pavers are available for \$50 each. Please contact Marc Zirolli at 860-997-1875 or contact the PTO board for an order form at [prsptoboard@gmail.com](mailto:prsptoboard@gmail.com). Checks can be made payable to PRS PTO.

**South Windsor Youth and Family Services – Kelly McKenney, LMSW**

- Ms. McKenney is the Parent Educator for the town of South Windsor, Youth and Family Services. Their mission is to create and foster opportunities for South Windsor youth and their families to learn and grow in positive ways.
- Ms. McKenney shared that they have two youth counselors who are available to work with children. Counseling and parent education services offered through the department are FREE. In addition, they offer in-home consultations/visits for those who believe their relationship with their child could be improved by access to relevant information.
- Youth and Family Services offer multiple South Windsor and Neighbors (SWAN) programs including 1, 2, 3, Magic: Effective Discipline for Children 2-12, Relatives Raising Children Support Group, Monday Morning Playgroup and Dad’s Dinner and Playgroup. These programs are free to residents of South Windsor and surrounding towns.
- The link to register for any SWAN program is: <http://www.southwindsor.org/swan>
- They are hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Child and Family Resource Fair on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-1:00pm at the South Windsor Community Center (150 Nevers Road). The fair is

recommended for all families with children. Bring your families and friends out for an afternoon of fun, entertainment, health information and screenings, local community resources, a raffle and much more!

- Like their Facebook page for more info on upcoming events!

### **Wood Memorial Library – Liz Root**

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- The Wood's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Gingerbread House Festival: *Peace on Earth* will run from November 23<sup>rd</sup> through December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Check out their website for more upcoming events including Holiday Story Hour with Santa Visit: [woodmemoriallibrary.org](http://woodmemoriallibrary.org). The Wood is always looking for volunteers. Please email [gingerbread@woodmemoriallibrary.org](mailto:gingerbread@woodmemoriallibrary.org) to learn more about their volunteer opportunities.

### **Events Update**

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- The Tiger Tracks jog-a-thon was a HUGE success this year! We raised over \$19,000 and exceeded our goal! Thanks to Heather Heiken, Jennie Hardy and their team of volunteers for helping make it such an incredible success!
- There was a packed house at Dads & Donuts! Thank you to Sinem Turgut for organizing this event!
- The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success, as well, resulting in \$4000 in Scholastic funds for classroom equipment. Thank you to Kelly Jacobs, Robin Wan, and their team of volunteers for their efforts!
- Our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Paint Night was super fun! 31 students made an appearance and they all went home with a "Give Thanks" themed painting. Thanks to Amy Lambert for organizing this event!
- The PTO is looking for a Holiday Workshop chairperson for next year. Please email us if you are interested. We are sorry to have to cancel the event this year.

### **Principal's Update – Michelle Dixon**

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- Conferences start the Wednesday after Thanksgiving.
- Groundbreaking will be January 13, 2019 at 949 Avery Street! The building will start being erected in April!
- On March 4<sup>th</sup>, author in residence Marlo Thomas (*author of Free to Be . . . You and Me*) will work in classrooms and host an evening event for parents.
- Stay tuned for more information on the upcoming Geography Bee for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders! 8 students will be participating!

### **A few extras . . .**

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- Judges are needed on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:30am for Invention Convention. Please contact Jennie Hardy at [jenniehardy@hotmail.com](mailto:jenniehardy@hotmail.com) if you are interested.
- STAY TUNED for more information on our new app and website that will be coming soon!
- Please join us for our next PTO meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm! ☺