



9/11/2018 PRS PTO Meeting Notes

AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions	PTO Board
Event Chair Introductions	PTO Board
Events Discussion	Event Chairs
Jog-a-thon	Event Chairs: Heather Heiken/Jennie Hardy
Brick Campaign	Marc Zirolli
Support South Windsor Schools	Daria Plummer
PRS Updates	Michelle Dixon
PTO Updates	PTO Board

Events Discussion – Event Chairs

- TIGER TRACKS! October 5th during recess! Tiger Tracks is the PTO's primary fundraiser of the year. For online access, register your child at <https://secure.eventsonline.us/reg/getmovincrew/>. Volunteers are still needed – please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090544abab2ca1fc1-tiger1> if you can donate your time!
- BRICK CAMPAIGN! BE A PART OF HISTORY! A brick garden area will be created at PRS in a student-friendly, outdoor area. 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.

SUPPORT SOUTH WINDSOR SCHOOLS – Daria Plummer

- Daria Plummer, a retired South Windsor teacher and a representative of *Support South Windsor Schools*, a volunteer group, was in attendance to represent the district's 10-year plan. She noted that the town is only 18 months away from the third referendum, which is required in order to

complete the district's 10-year-plan. Pleasant Valley Elementary is the third and final phase of the plan. **Please join Daria and her team at the Wood Memorial Library (783 Main Street) on Sunday, October 21st from 4-6.** Orchard Hill Elementary will be showcased, as well as the final renditions (in pictures) of the Philip R. Smith and Eli Terry buildings. In addition, Dr. Carter will speak. The purpose of the afternoon is to educate the town and answer any questions that the community may have.

Mrs. Dixon on School Updates

- Great start to the school year! Mrs. Dixon thanked all the parents for their positivity as it radiates down to the students. She complimented her staff on their hard work this summer to ensure the building was ready for our students!
- NEW THIS YEAR! The attendance policy in the district has changed this year in order to meet state requirements. For every absence, a parent is required to provide the main office a signed note, with a signature, in order to excuse an absence.
- The new PRS building has asbestos that is being closely monitored and is under control.
- Wednesday Lego and Art Club will be starting soon (stay tuned for more information!)
- SBAC scores are in! Parents of students in grades 3-5 will be receiving their students' reports soon.
- PRS' home-school connection goal this year targets communicating with families regarding their child/children's progress throughout the year, not just at progress report time.
- Updates on the new building were shared!
- The old PRS will be raised in January with groundbreaking scheduled for March/April.

PTO is on Facebook!

- Check out (and request access to) the PTO's closed group on Facebook called *Parents of Philip R Smith Elementary School*. Information and updates are posted regularly!