

Cabot School Council
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Introductions:

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II. Minutes Approved

III. Reports:

A. PTO:

- a. Campaign for Cabot at \$7300 as of today. Still \$17k short of goal
- b. General meeting this Monday paired with talk by Ariana Mufson on “Practical Skills for Managing Anxiety in Parenting.”
- c. Upcoming: Family Dance is January 26, 4-6pm in cafetorium

B. CASP:

- a. Death of staff member prior to break- CASP board of directors decided to do a memorial musical for kindergarteners for the next 6 years. About \$1200 has been raised so far towards the effort. Lots of support from Cabot staff to support CASP staff and students.
- b. Progress reports are in progress- will come out after the February vacation.
- c. Mystery Dinner is coming up but still haven't found houses big enough to host 100 people for appetizers. Biggest fundraiser of the year. (March 21) Potential partnership with PTO in coming years.

C. Staff:

- a. Families began again this month.
- b. Progress reports will come out January 30.
- c. District is starting to explore and pilot other reading curricula. Committee has recommended 2 curricula to consider further. Cabot first grade team is doing one of the pilots, starting end of January. Aiming for implementation in Fall 2020.
- d. A lot of new families have joined the school in the last few weeks.
- e. MCAS test prep- technology needs to be tested prior to the actual test date.

IV. Monthly Reflections

- A. Halloween parade: Well attended, children seemed excited to be able to share costumes with their classmates. Nice to have inside- easier for kids to just poke heads out their classrooms. Kindergarten parents might have missed their child if they didn't see them the one time they walked by. End of the day worked well.

- B. Safety Drill: Not a lot of feedback from families, seemed to go well.
- C. CAP Program: Seems beneficial to children- serious topic that provides children with important info and strategies. Length of presentation can be a challenge as it is a lot of sitting and listening.
- D. Conferences: Teachers should be clear with parents as to what door to come in- before school conferences might need to use a different door than afternoon conferences.
- E. Communication around unique situations: Timely and well received. Make sure that staff knows about communication that goes out to wider community.