

AGENDA

Minutes: Approve from previous meeting

President's report: Cecily

- PTA Legislative Conference recap
- Mass PTA State Conference, April 1
- PTA Brand Ambassador Training recap

Vice President's Report: Phil

- Field Day Subcommittee formation

Treasurer's Report: Trisha

- Financial update

Secretary's Report: Michelle

- Sandisfield Recreation Committee event - "Float into March."

New Business:

- 6th Grade Graduation
 - Dawn Lemon to speak
 - Citizenship Award
- Nature's Classroom Ice Cream fund
- 6th Grade Field Trip – Mr. Keller to present
- Telescope Repair and training – see second page addendum from Linda Curtiss
- Screen Free Week May 1 - 5
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 8 - 12
- Ice Cream Social (Reward to students for Cash Calendars)

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, 3/12 10am-12n - *Float Into March*

Monday, 3/13 through Friday, 3/17 – *Nature's Classroom for select 4th & 5th Grade Students*

Friday, 3/17 – *half day of school*

Monday, 4/3 at 7pm – *School Committee meeting*

Friday, 4/7 – *half day of school*

Thursday, 4/13 at 7pm via Zoom - *April PTA Meeting*

Monday, 4/17 through Friday, 4/21 – *April vacation, no school*

From PTA Member Linda Curtiss:

From Linda:

As many of you may have noticed, there is an Orion Space Probe 130 mm EQ Equatorial Reflector Telescope in the school library. Mrs. Flower says it was donated sometime around 2010, and as far as she knows, it has never been used. This telescope has been on my mind for the past 6 years, since I first saw it in the library.

I finally found someone who is willing to come in and teach us, specifically Mrs. Flower, how to use it so that we can do some sky gazing events with the students. His name is Rick Costello and his fee to come out and look the scope over and teach us to use it is \$200.

He is very knowledgeable of all different types of telescopes, and he is confident that he will be able to get us using the scope. I had hopes that we could vote on funding this endeavor at the February PTA meeting, but unfortunately I wasn't able to make the meeting to explain the situation in detail, and so a vote wasn't able to happen at that time.

I feel time is of the essence here due to the fact that sun will be setting later every day until June, making the sky stay bright too late, making viewings impossible very soon. I would love for us to be able to do an event this spring while the sun is still setting relatively early.

I have put Mrs. Flower and Rick in contact, so all that's left to do is secure funding so they can set up a time to meet and he can look over the scope and teach her how to use it.

Thanks so much!!