

PTA Minutes 2/12/13

15 people attending

Flo Donaghy

Two "Thank You" notes to read

1. From Lynn Taber - Thanks for the wonderful sweet treats. It was very thoughtful of the PTA! (right after tragedy in Newtown, parents volunteered to bring in sweets for the teachers to help cheer them up and let them know we so appreciate them!)
2. From the Kindergarten Team
New White Shelves in Classrooms –due to construction, their classrooms lost their shelving and storage space. PTA purchased new shelving for them as well as the first and second grade classrooms. Hope is to be able to do it for the 3rd-5th grade classrooms after those classrooms are renovated.

5th Grade Spaghetti Night

Genevieve Davy and Patricia Valda

- Big success
- Almost every 5th grader participated and the kids had a great time!
- 527 people attended
- \$1600 profit after expenses which is pretty much in line with past years
- ticket cost was \$5 kids/ \$10 adults
- Tip Jars made \$400
- Chair people will do a post meeting info session for any 4th grade parents interested in taking over for next year
- Lots of training was done with the kids.... Got kids really excited for the event.

Bowman Writes

Genevieve Davy

- Laura Swain is leading that
- Ms. Selhub met with all 4th graders on Monday and parents will be meeting at lunchtime to help it out with production

Math Night

Genevieve Davy

- Only two Bowman Families went to the 5th grade Math night at Harrington but it was really well done.
- Kids loved the projects
- Kindergarten night was more well attended and very fun
- 2 more.... First grade math night will be on March 19th (Olympics theme)
- 2nd grade Math Night will be March 12
- Mona Roy used to run Math Night at Estabrooke and is very interested in helping for next year

Bingo Night

Colleen Smith

- Entire gym at Clarke was full as well as the stands
- Next year we'll need more volunteers to bring baskets from Bowman to Clarke. That took time away from set up so it felt rushed
- Need a bigger screen for next year
- Maybe better communication with custodians next time
- Need a louder sound system for next time
- Didn't offer pizza/water this year and maybe we don't offer it in the future. No mess and no one seemed to miss it.
- Maybe make a suggested donation in the future for the Bingo Card
- Baskets made \$6000
- In future, we need to have someone outside Bowman and inside selling raffle tickets
- Night of Disco Bingo they sold about \$500 worth of tickets
- Hopefully school committee will vote to pay custodial fees for PTA events in the future.

Science Fair

Megan Teague

- Laura Swain and Agnes Costello are also on Committee
- March 6th at 6:30 at Harrington. The cafeteria and gymnasium are connected giving us plenty of space for the fair
- Due to extended day at Harrington, we can't get in until 6:00. 6:30 kids can come in and register and set up
- Fair will run 6:45-7:30
- Will have a map of who goes where
- Each student will have a sticker for their board to mark where they should go – with name and table assignments so visiting scientists can find them more easily
- BowmanPTA.org will have a link for science fair
- Notices going home in folders this week
- Letters sent to teachers so they will talk up fair to students
- 18 visiting scientists so far
- certificates will be done like last year, Mary will sign, will have a ribbon
- Deadline for registering will be March 1st
- Last year was a record turnout...125 groups!!

Traffic Week

Patricia Valda

- First week of March
- Purpose is to talk about how to ease traffic in morning and afternoon at Bowman
- Going to be sending flyers, sign up genius for parent volunteers
- Will be looking for parents to help move cars along and assist kids with getting out of cars in the morning and into cars in the afternoon.
- Hope to do one in the beginning of the year and around this time

New Families

Beth Briggs

- The next New Families Coffee is March 5th at Kathleen Lenihan's House, 9:00-10:00
- 20 something families have come to Bowman since the beginning of the school year
- Sign up genius will go out shortly

Book Fair

Leslie Forg/Kara Brandes

- **March 11-15 in the Bowman Library**
- Book Fair will be shorter this year due to construction restrictions and MCAS scheduling
- Sign Up Genius will go out for volunteer help .
- Flyer will go out in back packs as we get closer
- Hoping to have a Pizza available for lunch in the cafeteria on the half day (Thursday) to draw more people in to shop. Parents will have to accompany their children, not a drop off event.
- Will most likely do preordered pizza's so we don't over order.

Ideas for Classroom Parties

Maura Fiske

- Needing ideas for class parties can be a real challenge...
- Suggestion of making a PTA position to create a bunch of party ideas per grade for room parents to pull from
- Joanne Cheng offered to be that person

Flat Bread Pizza Night

Jennifer Velis

- Tuesday February 26th from 5-9

Variety Show

Jennifer Vogelzang

- March 8th at Clarke, 7:00 pm
- Flyers will go out this week
- Kerry Hart helping

Teacher Appreciation

Wendy Bertzekas

- Working with Sandy Schwartz

- Will need lots of help from parents
- Discussion of how to manage this process logistically. With 80 + staff members, it's difficult to manage unless many people help.
- More discussion to come as we get closer
- Need to remember the new crossing guard and Jack Toranto, head custodian
- *Teacher Appreciation Luncheon* –Year end Lunch on last day of school

Mini Grant Request

- From Martha Rogers
- Cost is \$185
- Weaving Magic of Theatre Games and Story Telling and Creative Play into the New ELA ad Literacy Frameworks
- The use of songs and poems in this program will help enhance the Bowman Music curriculum...dramatic play used in classroom
- Vote is yes