

Minutes from Bowman PTA Meeting: 10/8/13

Our first meeting of the year was hosted by Patricia Valda-thank you for opening up your lovely home to us. Due to the fact that the construction is almost complete, we will be able to return to the school for our PTA meetings. They will now be held the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the school cafeteria. The December and May meetings will be held at night at school.

Our next meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 13th. 8:30-8:45 social 8:45-9:45 meeting in the school cafeteria.

Budget: Kara Brandes presented for Betsy Wilkinson

*The figures in the budget are projected figures because we are still collecting money for membership, ACT, and 5th grade activities- may have to adjust figures.

*Right now we have 202 families who have joined the PTA. Our goal is 300 families. We have 554 students and 437 families (?)

*We are buying 2 new bulletin boards for front hallway of school.

*We purchased IKEA shelves for K-2. Now we are going to purchase shelves for 3-5.

*We took away grade level mini grants this year to cover cost of shelving.

*Added \$2500 line item for library

*Financial Aid for Nature's Classroom- won't know how much of it we'll use until trip in June.

*ACT Budget Question: Museum of Science Assembly (educational program for all grades)- What is the limit on how much we can spend for assembly? Will email Betsy to see limit of expenses

*Vote on budget: Flo motioned to approve budget, Cathy seconded it, all approved. Budget approved.

Adventure Run: Sunday, Oct. 27th

*Volunteers needed to man each station.

*Current sign up system hard to see what you are signing up for. Can we do sign up genius?

*Need MC to do prizes and announcements after ceremony.

*Fun activities after run.

*55 people are registered so far. Goal: 150-200 registrants.

*Just \$20 to register. Tricon doing tshirts. We are giving away the first 150 tshirts.

*Need someone to organize/own kids' fun run- short run, get ribbon at the finish line. Kids' run is \$5.

*High school kids to help and earn community service hours.

*Track team to man courses from 9:30-3:00. Hoping to make profit. Have sponsors. On rain or shine.

*Donations: food, drinks, fruits. Checking to see if Whitsons is coming.

Book Fair:

*Set up Friday, Nov. 1.

*Kids will start going through on the 4th. Running until the 8th.

*It will be open conference week, map night (Tues., 11/5). Using same vendor as last year. Will need parent volunteers to man tables and checkout- use sign up genius.

*Not sure where it will be set up.

Big Backyard- Christina Lin is on the committee.

*Looking for someone to be on the committee (ideally someone who has kids in lower grades) and run/help with volunteers.

*Contact Christina Lin if you know anyone who is interested. Would like to have a task group to come up with ideas to help run/streamline program. It would be great to have someone manage k-1, 2-3, 4-5.

Math Night- 4th grade math night combined with Harrington. It will be held at Harrington on Oct. 22 from 6:30-8:30. Need middle school volunteers (at least 6) to help that night. It would be great if kids could wear Bowman spirit wear or Bowman colors. We are bringing Math Night back to Bowman next year.

Bowman Bulletin- Trying something new this year. We will bundle the PTA announcements into a weekly bulletin so families are not bombarded with emails every day.

Sandwich Boards- Anyone who is doing an event and needs to promote it contact Flo/Patricia to get sandwich boards.

Class Budgets- some of the classes are smaller this year and are concerned they won't raise as much money. How does this affect budget? For class basket raffle- \$100 is the max so don't have to spend \$100. You can use much smaller portion of your budget for your class basket.

Spring Auction: Change theme to reflect Bowman community and hopefully encourage more people to attend. New theme: Around the World. Would love to brainstorm ideas for décor, food, auction items. Perhaps a change of venue? Is Knights of Columbus closing? Heritage museum?

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