

# Bowman PTA meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Bowman Library

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6:30 Sign-In & Introductions

6:40 PTA Business

- Spirit Wear Update - Flo
  - o Sweatshirt sorting after this meeting,
  - o Bowman has done the best in Spirit Wear Sales so far this year
- Book Fair Update
  - o Gross of \$14,366 in book sales. Val Machinist to co-chair with Jen. V. next year
- Membership level update
  - o 429/476 familie in MSA
  - o 261 members (~54%)
  - o Many teachers have signed up to be PTA members
  - o What incentives do we have for getting PTA membership
  - o Maybe get reports into the town paper (Minuteman)
  - o PTA events should open up to PTA members only first
- Positions needed to be filled
  - o How about a PTA job fair? – Maybe do this in conjunction with Movie Night
  - o **What is reason to volunteer on PTA** – perhaps to give back, to get involved, maybe have a campaign to pledge to donate 10 hours, raise awareness that we are a school that thrives on volunteering. Volunteering as a parent is great leadership and an example for
  - o **Emphasize that this is a NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL.** Therefore getting involved is important. Having personal connection.
  - o **Keep in mind the immigrants lack of understanding of the importance of the PTA.** Have a translator for meetings ? Bowman offers translators, but the service is not always accepted. ELL staff and school ask for this info up front
  - o Treasurer needed to shadow Sarah F.
- Y.E.S. club for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders –
  - o need LHS volunteers . please help us recruits
  - o Contact Kara Brandes (Emily B, Kathleen L, Beth Briggs)
- Ms Kearn's is running the Boston Marathon – feel free to share her funding site
- Trivia Bee Teams – great turnout from Bowman and excellent representation by our teacher teams
  - o The Bee's Knees: Melinda Loof, Neal Waters, Seth Golder
  - o Fire Breathing Rubber Duckies: Joshua Curhan, Mayumi Kearns, Catie Sawka
  - o The Straight A's: Sean Avery, Chris Bruff, Lauren Archibald
- Genesis Battlegreen Run – Bowman Team (Lisa O'Brien) – will hear back soon on total funds raised

- MoS & ACT – Parent reporters – We have a SignUp Genius form for PTA parent members to sign up to report back about MoS and ACT events held at school

**7:15**

**School committee meeting – update**

- Yes!! Campaign underway
- What are hoping to lobby for? Still up in the air.
- There have been a number of meetings (summit and plus one) to look at costs of all the capitol projects. Town is 225mill, the school costs totaled 184 million Last night the SC meeting . Dr C and Pat Goddard looked at ways to cut the cap. Costs for school down to 100mill. They proposed a range of options from 98-109million
- 2 MS options (reduced increases at MS), Cancel the renovations of the Pelham road site (site purchase is outside of this perview), cancel moving LCP to Minuteman tech, Harrington doesn't need extra classes. Proposed to relieve art classroom at each elementary school to increase class count to 6 gen ed classes. Re-evaluate adding std modulars to Bowman And Bridge. Will have 4-5 classrooms available for redistricting at Fiske. No right sizing at Bowman. Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, supposed to present proposal to TM members. Art teachers would be concerned with the loss of the Art rooms.

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**Any other Business**

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**Adjourn - happy Thanksgiving**

**Next PTA meetings:** January 20<sup>th</sup> + Presentation by Jean Claffey on Food Allergies to follow  
 February 24 – PTA sponsored presentation ?  
 March 23  
 April 27  
 May 18  
 June – end of year party

***Upcoming Events:***

Jan 12 – Math Night 4th, 5th grade  
 Jan 28 – Science Fair  
 Feb 9 – Math night 2nd 3rd grade  
 Feb 25 – Spaghetti Dinner  
  
 March 2nd – Math Night K & 1st grade  
 March 4th – Disco Bingo  
 April 1st – Variety Show  
 April 28 – Book Swap/Ice Cream Social