

Bowman PTA Board Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2016

Bowman Library

7:00PM Sign-In & Introductions

In attendance: Lisa Premerlani, Valerie Machinist, Courtney Lauriat, Karin Ornstein, Gary Van Deurse, Kristin Sleeper, Cindy Arens, Courtney Lauriat, Lauren Avery, Suman Murali, Rebecca Fagan Gorospe, Joshua Curhan, Martha Rogers

7:10PM PTA Business

- Updates from VPs and Committees
 - Treasurers
 - Membership-Reached 61% with membership (same as last year) but made more \$\$ with tiered levels (\$12,000 vs. \$10,000 even with swag costs). However, money seems to have been diverted away from ACT and 5th grade contributions.
 - Budget-
 - Adventure run made approximately \$2000
 - Bookfair costs for this year not yet finalized. Discussion about evaluating bookfair for next year (how much the bookfair company makes vs. profit for PTA, price of books, benefit to community and curriculum, amount of work involved, number of books donated to classroom, and potentially whether there are other bookfair companies worth considering). General feeling that people liked tying bookfair in with

Adventure Run. Also looking for someone to run bookfair next year.

- Campaign money-we have allocated money (\$1000) for campaign for new Hastings but that doesn't look like it is happening this year. Debt exclusion will be in November at the earliest. If we don't spend this \$ this year, treasurers would like to save the \$1000 rather than re-allocate it.

- Communications
 - Swag Update-all swag has been ordered. Tote bags will be here Friday (11/18), Magnets on Monday (11/21), water bottles haven't shipped yet. Plan to distribute right after Thanksgiving. Procedure for distribution still to be finalized.
- Fundraising-Spirit wear order is closed. Expect to arrive early December.
- Recruitment
 - Bowman PTA membership still low compared with other schools. There will be a membership discussion at the next PPC meeting-everyone will bring Membership Person and this will be a good opportunity to see how other schools are boosting membership

7:45PM PTA discussion - Bowman

- PTA purchases
 - Dolly for Jack-purchased and delivered (question about where the \$\$ should come out of budget. Suggestion to take out of "reimbursable expenses for staff"). Jack would also like a second dolly if PTA has the funds

- Star student bears purchased to get through May
 - PTA ordered playground equipment-balls (soccer, basketball, tennis, dodgeball) and flexible flyer disks
 - Library posters-Ms. Loof wants some posters framed but they have not yet been done
 - Bowman bear mascot costume ordered
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- School Composting Committee-Compostable trays have been used in the cafeteria in the last year or two. PPC is encouraging all schools to work towards making sure all schools compost. Bowman cannot this year because of space but Dr. Anton has suggested we start a committee to discuss how Bowman might begin a compost program in the future. Other schools have parent volunteers who help students sort compost vs. non-compost. If anyone is interested in being on the committee to investigate let us know
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- Reminder to request approval before printing fliers (send to president@bowmanpta.org to send to Dr. Anton for approval)
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- Site Council is looking for a representative from the PTA to attend Site Council meetings-Courtney Lauriat will attend on 11/18.

8:10PM Any other Business

- Suman Murali from the Indian American Association of Lexington has been in contact with Food Services Department about bringing more vegetarian options into school menu (primarily hot entrees). Current options are salad and smoothies, bagels, and grilled cheese. Food services is very open to the idea and willing to include more options. Discussion is ongoing.

8:15PM Adjourn