

# Bowman PTA Board Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2016

Bowman Library

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## 7:00PM Sign-In & Introductions

In attendance: Karin Ornstein, Daniel Gomez, Xi Sun, Joshua Curhan, Ann Matthews, Katie Quick, Gary Van Deurse, Courtney Lauriat, Kristin Sleeper, Valerie Machinist, Elizabeth Moeller, Cindy Arens, Rebecca Fagan Gorospe, Ting Fang, Martha Rogers, Christina Lin Butler, Flo Donaghy

## 7:10PM PTA Business

- Auction-Will be on March 25, 2017 at the National Heritage Museum. Theme is "All that Glitters...is Gold" (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Theme). Looking for volunteers to head up advertising/marketing. Gary Van Deurse heading up venue, Katie Quick and Kristin Sleeper working on auction portion. Seeking a corporate sponsor for the event.
- Adventure Run coming up
  - We need lots of volunteers on the actual day of event. Brainstormed ideas of how to engage more volunteers-invitation (not expectation) to staff that they are welcome to volunteer as well as high school students who need community service.
- Bookfair
  - We will need volunteers to help man the book fair and check people out.
- Communications
  - Discussion about whether we should start sending emails via room parents emails again since it is the only way to reach everyone in the community.
  - Where should community announcements go?...listserve (Bowman yahoo-small subset), MSA (directory-anyone whose information is in directory (about 80% of families) plus all staff), website, flyers, Mary's emails (reaches everyone).
- Updates from VPs and Committees

- Treasurers
  - Update on Membership-teacher question about how to purchase a membership. Karin will send email to faculty with link to join PTA and/or purchase totebag.
  - Question about whether we can have tables at Adventure Run, etc. for people to join PTA. Concern about who will staff tables and wi-fi access.
  - Current membership is 228 (52% of families). Discussion about whether we can publicize who has joined. Presidents will send an email that people can opt out if they want.
  - Budget-budget approved
  
- Baystate Textiles Recycling Bins - Gary will advertise what the bins are in the Broadside so that people will put stuff in them.

## **8:00PM PTA discussion - School District / School Committee**

- SHAC- The Student Health Advisory Committee
  - Mission Statement: "To provide a forum where school personnel, community representatives, parents and students can support and advocate for a comprehensive, coordinated, district-wide school wellness program."
  - They are looking for more members of the committee with representatives from the elementary schools. There are only four meetings per year and there is a great opportunity to affect the well-being of our students. There are two subcommittees: Teenage substance abuse and Parent Academy. Parent Academy puts on a panel of seminars that cover topics that are helpful for families. If anyone is interested in joining let Karin Orenstein know.
  
- Yes for Lexington 2017 – Hastings Campaign
  - The campaign managers are looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of the campaign.
  - The outcome will affect ALL Lexington schools, not just Hastings, as the first step to our town wide capacity problem is to create more space
  - Vote expected in 11/2017

- Planning will begin in the spring with much work to be done over the summer
- Nicola Rinaldi and Kathleen Lenihan heading up campaign.
- LHS
  - Major capacity shortage anticipated
  - Potential options include changes in the AP and Elective course offerings to free up space. Looking at variety of options to alleviate capacity issues and academic stress.
- Trivia Bee-some teacher teams have already signed up.
- We would like to include thank you's to volunteers in the Broadside. Will ask committee chairs to write a blurb after the event and include volunteer names.

**8:20PM Adjourn**