

Bowman PTA Board Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2017

Bowman Room 3

7:00PM Sign-In & Introductions

Karen Thompson, Joshua Curhan, Ann Matthews, Cindy Arens, Rebecca Gorospe, Matt Snyder, Valerie Machinist, Courtney Lauriat, Lisa Premerlani, Kristin Sleeper, Karin Ornstein. Martha Rogers

7:05PM PTA Business

Updates from VPs and Committees

Treasurer Report

- Deposits
 - Box Tops-doing very well. We received \$1500 check (for half the year). Budgeted \$1000 for the whole year
 - Have received \$1000 in corporate sponsors for Auction to help offset cost
 - Spirit Wear (made \$2600) /Book Fair (made \$1400-this is not very much and we should consider other options for next year). /Adventure run-still waiting on final numbers
 - Received a \$3500 grant from Staples grant-considering allocating some to auction to help offset cost and to be include Staples as a corporate sponsor
- Expenses
 - Teacher Reimbursements-checks went out to all teachers for classrooms. Have received several thank you's from teachers.
 - Sagam-PTA sent an annual transfer for scholarships for several students in Sagam. There is a fund specifically earmarked for Sagam that people donate to, so this money is not taken out of our primary PTA budget
- A Parent has asked about donating a Go Pro to the PTA to be used in classes/at events. Karin Orenstein will contact the Parent

Communications

- Considering moving to paperless communications for all PTA communications for the 2017-2018 school year

Recruitment

- Membership discussion summary from PPC meeting-our budget is considerably larger than other elementary schools. Most other elementary schools also have around 60% participation for PTA membership.

School Support

- Feb 1 safe routes to school walk. Current third graders missed the safe routes to school program with Mr. Kane last year in second grade and we would like to have them do it this year if possible
- Concern about some broken equipment on the playground and some student injuries. Matt Snyder has requested three times to have broken equipment fixed. He has submitted twice to the front office and once directly to Dr. Anton. Some other parents have also noted that there is some unsafe equipment on the playground. This is a liability issue and parents would like to see our concerns addressed to make sure our students can play safely. Karin Ornstein will talk to Dr. Anton about concerns.

7:45PM PTA discussion - Bowman

- IAL-members of the IAL have asked what PTA positions are open for next year; they are trying to be more involved in the schools
- Open PTA positions-we will be starting to fill positions for next year; if anyone knows anyone interested in becoming more involved please let them know to reach out with interest
- Mrs. Goldfarb has asked us to create a new PTA position for ArtSonia for next year. If we formalize a position we should consider having money go to ACT fund. One parent expressed concern about how often Artsonia sends emails asking people to buy products. We want to find out more about how Artsonia is set up and whether we can modify email communications from Artsonia to parents
- PTA is going to donate a “basket” to the class basket raffle with a tote bag/magnet/waterbottle and possibly some spirit wear
- Hour of Code-a parent wants to bring it in for fourth and fifth grade as an evening program. Still confirming a date
- Auction-Still looking for auction items, especially from parent community. Discussion about doing a class or grade level art project to be auctioned off, but have not been able to come up with an appropriate project that is worth the time for the money raised. Any ideas welcome!

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

- There is an opening on the school committee for a one-year term to replace Bill Hurley, who recently announced he is stepping down.

8:15PM Adjourn