

Bowman PTA Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2017
Bowman Library

7:00PM Sign-In, Welcome, and Introductions

In attendance: Karin Ornstein, Gary Van Deurse, Rebecca Fagan Gorospe, Valerie Machinist, Courtney Lauriat, Katie Quick, Cindy Arens, Lisa Premerlani, Lauren Avery, Alison Stevens, Tania and Pablo Rolandi, Yusuf and Hodan Guillett, Paula Raha, Ruvini Kankanamalage, Jonathon Gillen, Anne Norman, Praveen Sharma, Sheuli Sharma, Jags Chinnam

Teacher representatives: Martha Rogers, Joshua Curhan

7:15PM Overview of PTA (Karin Ornstein and Gary Van Deurse)

This meeting was primarily an overview of what the PTA does and how to become involved. After introductions, there was an overview of events for the course of the year. Please note that these months are preliminary and the timing of the following events may change as the year progresses and schedules become solidified.

- September: Welcome Back Coffee, Library Volunteers, Room Parents, My School Anywhere, Insiders Guide, Family Picnic (9/15/17)
- October/November: Adventure Run (10/22/17), Picture Day (10/4/17), Spirit Wear, Book Fair (online opportunity this year), Big Backyard (x3)
- December: Families in Need, Hour of Code (Need a volunteer)
- January: Family Movie Night (1/19/18)
- February: Family Math Night x3, Science Fair, Spaghetti Dinner
- March: Disco Bingo, Class Baskets, Wilson Farm Day

- April: Passport to the World (Need Volunteers), Book Swap/Ice Cream Social
- May: Variety Show, Teacher Appreciation
- June: 5th Grade Activities, End of Year Picnic

7:35PM Membership Overview and Update (Alison Stevens)

- Joining the PTA allows us to do all the activities discussed in the first part of the meeting.
- We have had a good initial response to the membership levels so far this year and many have purchased the higher cost memberships.
- Membership is ahead of where we were last year at this time, but there is still a lot of room to grow in order to reach more families.
- Membership is open to everyone and financial help is available for anyone who isn't able to join if they would like to.

The PTA is open to ideas for how we can reach more people and raise membership participation. To date, we have 38% participation but we are aiming for a higher participation percentage rate.

Any questions about membership can be directed to Alison Stevens at vpmembership@bowmanpta.org

Examples of this year's membership swag were shown: keychains, drawstring bag, waterbottle

Communications Update (Rebecca Fagan Gorospe and Cindy Arens)

There are many ways to stay in touch with PTA happenings:

Bowmanpta.org

Facebook page

Broadside Newsletter

Weekly My School Anywhere emails

Yahoo Group

Sign at Front of Bowman

Backpack Fliers

Can send email to VPCommunication@bowmanpta.org if you want to post to any of the above places. Links to all are also available at Bowmanpta.org.

7:50PM Overview of Budget and Finances (Lisa Premerlani and Valerie Machinist)

- We have \$72,000 in the bank
- Last year's expenses were \$60K, but we anticipate this will be higher as the final expenses come in
- We have about a full year worth of expenses in the bank and are in a strong financial position.
- Proposed budget: We are doing a good job of managing funds overall. The auction last year helped the finances last year. This year we will not be operating with as much revenue coming in because there will not be an auction. We have enough money to support our activities, but we need to continue to be careful and mindful about how much we spend and will continue to ask chairpeople to stay on budget for each event.
- In addition to funding community events, money is also given directly back to the school every year in the following ways: every teacher receives \$50-\$200 to spend on the classroom at the beginning of the year (books, indoor recess activity options, etc), discretionary fund given to Dr. Anton to spend on the school, funding mini-grants for teachers, the purchase of playground equipment (balls and flying discs, etc.) and star student bears, bus transportation to certain events

A question was raised about whether we can fix the basketball nets on the playground. The PTA will look into it.

Opportunities to Become Involved

- Room Parents
- Library Volunteers
- Board Members
 - Fundraising-Number 1 Need
 - Events
- Adventure Run
- Big Backyard
- Hour of Code
- Family Movie Night
- Disco Bingo
- Passport to the World
- Variety Show

BOKS will not happen this year without volunteers to run it

8:00PM Q&A

A question was raised about opportunities for New Bowman Families to connect. We are lacking volunteers to support this this year and are looking for ways to improve in the future.

8:30PM Adjourn

Next PTA meeting: 10/18

Upcoming Events:

- 9/15, 5pm Family Picnic
- 9/19, 8:45am Principal/Parent discussion
- 9/28, 6:30pm Curriculum Night
- 10/4, Picture Day
- 10/22 Bowman Adventure Run