

Bowman PTA Board Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2019

Bowman Library

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

In attendance: Rebecca Fagan Gorospe, Gary Van Deurse, Katie Quick, Elaine Read, Allison Stevens, Brandy Hartford, Anne Norman, Cindy Arens, Sharon Huang, Courtney Lauriat

Faculty representatives: Jenny Corduck, Joshua Curhan, Martha Rogers

7:10 PM PTA Business

- Treasurers
 - 5th grade spaghetti dinner income is approximately \$2300 after expenses. Ticket prices remained the same, but the food and labor costs were higher than in previous years.
 - Pie charts of PTA expenses and fundraising will be hung up around school and published in the Broadside to show how the PTA raises and spends money. These were passed around for review.
 - There is still money in this year's budget for mini-grants.
- Principal update
 - ACT-Alphabet Rockers will be coming at the end of April for an all-school enrichment concert. Ms. Corduck has started advertising their music/lyrics/dance moves to the community to prepare them for the visit.
 - All-School Meetings are an opportunity to bring enrichment activities to the whole school. Ms. Corduck advocates for ACT money to be used in this manner going forward. She recommends grade-level spending through grants.
 - Ms. Corduck spent her stipend money on hangers and hanging racks for the Lost and Found
 - MCAS is coming up. Ms. Corduck will send messaging to the faculty and parents reminding them that it is a regular school day to try to eliminate stress.
 - LPS is getting a new website and re-branding. The new logo is a Tricorne hat with a lightbulb in the middle. The new website will be mobile-friendly, and teachers will have websites up for next year through Google sites.
 - After a discussion about school materials being translated into the top three most prominent languages at Bowman, there was a suggestion that PTA membership materials should also be translated into the three most prominent languages. People believe this would be welcoming and respectful.
 - Letters will be sent home in early April for parent feedback around class placement for next year. Parents will be given an opportunity to suggest good

learning partners as well as those who are not good learning partners. The form will also solicit feedback about student learning style.

- The number of class sections next year will remain the same-4 classrooms for K-3 and 5 classrooms for grades 4 and 5.
- Passport to the World - Joshua Curhan & Martha Rogers
 - Passport to the World will be held on May 31st (Thursday). As in past years there will be food, country booths, and performances. The format last year was great. Food/booths this year will be more fluid, but it will otherwise be a similar model. The PTA will help with compostable dishes and supplies for the event and there is also a need for pencils. The PTA can also help with recruiting participation. Sign up information will be coming soon.
 - There was a discussion about space issues and how to make the event feel less crowded. Hopefully the weather will cooperate, and the food can be outside. A film will be shown before the performances. There was a suggestion to use the video from last year to promote this year's event. There is money in the PTA budget for Passport for the World if it is needed.
- PTO Update
 - Lisa and Gary met with an attorney who is going to take on the transition from PTA to PTO.
- Planning for next year
 - The PTA is looking for ideas as planning for next year begins-funding per grade level; interesting programs we might bring back, things we want to take a break from, membership ideas, etc.
 - Fundraising-The Adventure Run will not happen next year. Instead there will be a pancake breakfast fundraiser. There will hopefully be a fundraising run during the school day for students only. There is an interest in transitioning more events during the school day where all kids can be involved and where we can provide more learning/enrichment opportunities.
 - Sponsorship for next year-We get approached regularly by businesses interested in sponsoring us. Is this of interest to the PTA? Could we include logos in the newsletter? Some of our events have had sponsorship in the past (Adventure Run, Auction, etc.) and there was agreement that sponsoring individual events is a better model than sponsoring the PTA for the year. There is concern that PTA sponsorship would have to be managed. There is consensus to keep the model as we have in the past as event and business specific. We will approach those people we want as sponsors and offer different levels of sponsorship for particular events.
 - Involvement for next year-Please reach out to Gary or Katie if you or anyone you know is interested in being involved in the PTA next year
 - Swag ideas-please let us know if you have ideas for next year's swag!
 - Fifth grade activities-the fifth grade is interested in buying water bottle fillers if they have extra money in their budget. They do not think they will have enough to cover the whole cost, but Ms. Corduck thinks that the town will be buying them.

8:15 PM Any other Business

- Dr. Hackett has announced that a request for a renovation/design for the high school has been submitted.

8:30 PM Adjourn

Next PTA meetings:

- April 24, 2019
- May 22, 2019

Upcoming Events:

- Math Nights
- Variety Show
- Disco Bingo / Class Baskets