



## Booth Hill School PTO General Meeting October 6th, 2021 – 7 p.m.

### Meeting Minutes

Introduction of attendees:

Sara Wilbur, Lisa Twarog, Melissa Hanas, Gina Colgan, Dina Marks, Wendy Grabarz, Debbie Testani, Ken Saranich, Jessica Myers, Sarah Goulart, Lynn Hicks, Christin Linden, Jennifer Severs, Diana Maynard, Elizabeth Staffieri, Roman Spivak, Haritha Mopuru, Ana Karina Perin, Staci O'Connor, Heather Alves, "iphone Amanda"

1. Superintendent – Ken Saranich
  - a. Introduced himself, would like to be actively involved and provide support
2. President's Report – Sara Wilbur
  - a. Ice Cream Social 10/1 – great attendance
  - b. Apparel Sale 10/7 - 11/5 - Heather Alves coordinating
  - c. Community Outreach – Dana Wirth and Tony Persaud coordinating (food drive later this month)
  - d. Restaurant Night – Michelle Falzarano coordinating – considering Longhorn Steakhouse
  - e. Big Y Community Bag Program - \$82 received so far through bag purchases
  - f. Fall Social – scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> 5-6:30 Trunk or Treat
3. Treasurer's Report – Gina Colgan
  - a. Total amount in all accounts: \$10,399.19 (Checking \$1,446.80, Savings \$3,745.93, Square \$5,206.46)
  - b. Total Scholastic dollars: \$2,715.16
  - c. Income since last meeting: Fun Run credit (\$1445.75), Back to School Event Ice Cream Social (\$977.06), Membership (\$1,275), Amazon Smile (\$46.98), Birthday Grams (\$220), Donations (\$330)
  - d. Expenses since last meeting: Teacher supplies (\$6,500), Bus Safety (\$49.48), Back to school teacher luncheon (\$450.04), PBIS (\$374.73), Square Fees (\$183.67), Bank Fees (\$10)
4. Principal's Report – Mrs. Marks
  - a. Mrs. Marks thanked the PTO for everything they have done for the students and staff
  - b. Summer Learning Program – 93% student participation



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- c. Upcoming Halloween/fall in classroom small celebration, kindergarteners can participate in costume parade, if desired.
  - d. Kids Heart Challenge event underway
  - e. In school volunteers need to be fully vaccinated or proof of negative covid test within 72 hours of building entry. School to check vaccination cards or proof of negative test per BOE through Valley Health. Masks still required, mask mandate extended until 2/15/22.
  - f. Wit and Wisdom and Eureka Math Squared – very rigorous programs, heavy on critical thinking skills and inquiry. Different from what used to. Includes parent worksheets.
  - g. Community agencies not sending hard copies to distribute, using digital which will be included in Bulldog Bulletin
  - h. Parent/teacher conferences in person or virtual option
5. Teacher Representatives – Mrs. Grabarz, Ms. Testani
- Mrs. Grabarz -
- a. Welcomed all and excited to see new attendees
  - b. Described new curriculum as terrific and rigorous. Homework includes parent explanation material.
  - c. Thanked all for continued support
- Ms. Testani –
- a. Described new curriculum. Wonder and notice while reading helps analytic skills. New non verbal communication skills.
  - b. Thanked all for continued support
6. Room Parent Update – Diana Maynard
- a. One room parent volunteer for each class identified
  - b. Communicating expectations, gathering parent lists by next week. First event Halloween/fall parties. Asked how to best communicate with teachers. Teachers will discuss best approach and respond.
  - c. Room parent list is posted on website. Diana Maynard will send Mrs. Marks contact info.
7. Book Fair Update – Jessica Myers and Sarah Goulart



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- a. 10/12 - 10/15. Busiest days Tuesday (browsing) and Wednesday (buying). Additional Thursday option for students not available Tuesday to browse. Friday morning optional day for buying. Closing Friday afternoon. Parents can attend book fair Tuesday after school until 5:30. Credit cards can be used. Parents need to wear masks but do not need to show proof of vaccination or covid test.
  - b. All transactions cashless. Checks or ewallet. Account balances on ewallet not refundable but credit will remain on accounts.
  - c. Need more volunteers – Sign Up Genius published
  - d. Book Fair to be held in Room 118
8. Fall Social – Trunk or Treat
- a. No volunteer identified to chair yet so Executive Board planning trunk or treat 10/29 5-6:30 at back of school. Music, trunk or treating, prize for best trunk, photo booth. Candy donations coming up soon. Will charge \$5/person or \$10/family decorating trunk. Diana Maynard made a flyer coming out soon.
9. Fall Fundraising
- a. No volunteer identified to chair yet. Did Boon in past. Online orders and ships to house. 40% profit on sales.
10. Open Positions
- a. Website shows open positions. Since last June meeting Tony Persaud and Heather Alves chairing various events.
  - b. Sandra Ramalhete volunteered to chair for 4<sup>th</sup> grade celebration
  - c. Michelle Falzarano to chair restaurant night
  - d. Jennifer Severs to chair Sweet Heart Dance
  - e. Removing After School Programs – too much risk due to covid, reassess in Spring
11. Will hold meetings every other month on Zoom. Next meeting 12/1.
12. Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm