



Booth Hill School PTO General Meeting April 7th, 2021 – 7 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. President's Report – Sara Wilbur

- a. The Giggling Pig Paint night was a success and enjoyed by all who attended.
- b. The Author visit was on March 2nd. We are still waiting for a few of the books to arrive. Once we have all the books, the name plates will be added and distributed to students who placed orders.
- c. We are working on identifying the open positions for next year. Once they have been determined they will be posted on the PTO website. We hope to swear new volunteers in at the June meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report – Gina Colgan

- a. Total amount in all accounts: \$15,852.84 (Checking \$4,182.78, Savings \$3,745.74, Square \$7,924.32)
- b. Total Scholastic dollars: \$2,715.16
- c. Income since last meeting: Birthday Signs \$120.00 (Total now at \$530.00)
- d. Expenses since last meeting: Sunshine \$30.00, Author Visit \$1,500.00, Classroom Funds – Valentine's Day \$157.84 (Total now at \$413.20), Square Fees \$12.90 (Total now at \$54.81)

3. Principal's Report – Mrs. Marks

- a. Today was the first Wednesday back at school and things went smoothly. Everyone is happy to be back.
- b. When we return from vacation there will be SBAC testing for 3rd and 4th grades. The kids are practicing because none of them have taken the test in the past since last year there was no testing.
- c. Renata Bowers – the author of the Frieda B. books will be visiting the school on April 27th.
- d. One School One Book – There is lots of planning going on behind the scenes!
- e. On the Wednesday before Memorial Day there will be school wide engagement activities. There will be interactive lessons and crafts. The theme is America and Patriotism.
- f. The fourth-grade visit to Perry Hill will be on May 26th. Booth Hill will be the only school visiting on that day. They will not be staying for lunch this year.



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- g. Mrs. Marks asked if the PTO could provide gift cards for One School One Book and Sara Wilbur agreed that the PTO would fund them.
- 4. Teacher Representatives – Mrs. Grabarz, Ms. Testani
 - a. Mrs. Grabarz and Ms. Testani thanked the PTO for the author visit. The kids really enjoyed it. Mr. Nobleman was equally as engaging with both the younger and older students and did a wonderful job of keeping their attention.
 - b. Mrs. Grabarz asked about the budget for the Engagement Activity Night. Mrs. Marks indicated that the district has given money to the school for the event. Sara Wilbur mentioned that the PTO can also support if additional funding is needed.
 - c. End of Year Planning: Ms. Testani shared that, this year, the teachers are comfortable if the classes within the grade do not have exactly the same activity. Each teacher can coordinate with their respective room parent to plan. Mrs. Marks commented that there is still NO parent involvement allowed for any activities. Sara Wilbur offered a suggestion for an ice cream truck. Mrs. Marks said it would likely be approved as long as the items are prepackaged.
- 5. Yearbook – Lisa Twarog
 - a. This year we are using Jostens for our yearbook. We have chosen the cover and are going with a tie dye theme. Photo submissions from parents and teachers are due by Friday April 9th. The cost for the yearbook will be \$20 and the Fourth Grade messages will be \$5. The deadline to order will be April 28th.
- 6. Plant Sale – JoAnn Vasser
 - a. The activity is traditionally centered around having volunteers in the school and providing the experience of the kids purchasing gifts for Mother's Day. Unfortunately, the event would have to be run very differently this year and would require a pre-sale of all plants which would exclude the children from the experience. There are also a number of other challenges that would have to be overcome to maintain a Covid safe environment. The Executive Board agreed that it is not a worthwhile activity this year and has decided to cancel the event.
- 7. Teacher Appreciation Week – Sara Wilbur for Lauren Dilulio
 - a. The PTO will be working with Mrs. Marks to plan some things to make the teachers feel special.
- 8. Recognition of Fourth Grade Graduates – Executive Board



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- a. As of now, there is no parent involvement allowed for any school activities. There was a discussion about possible ideas in the event that the guidelines change, such as an outdoor socially distanced celebration or drive by celebration.
 - b. The PTO plans to do a 4th grade gift and the lawn signs again this year.
9. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm