



## Booth Hill School PTO General Meeting January 8, 2020 – 7 p.m.

### Agenda Topics

1. Call to Order – Sara Wilbur
  - a. Call to order made by Sara Wilbur at 7:05 pm
2. Guest Speaker – Dr. Clouet
  - a. Dr. Clouet discussed a variety of topics that tie into his vision of education and the need to prepare children for lives in a world that is rapidly changing.
  - b. The 2021 budget season is approaching, and Dr. Clouet encourages all parents to attend the Board of Education Budget Workshops as well as the Board of Aldermen Meetings. He also encourages parents to communicate any concerns and/or comments by writing to city officials.
3. President's Report – Sara Wilbur
  - a. For the month of January, BHS is the recipient of the Community Bag Program at Stop and Shop. Please share this information with family and friends! Each time they purchase a re-usable bag, the BHS PTO will receive \$1.00.
  - b. The box tops contest runs from the 20<sup>th</sup> until the 31<sup>st</sup> of January.
  - c. Sara encouraged the Teacher representatives to share with the staff that they can feel free to request purchases for their classrooms using Scholastic Dollars.
4. Vice President's Report – Lisa Twarog
  - a. No Updates this month
5. Treasurer's Report – Gina Colgan
  - a. Expenses: Square Fees \$661.68, Classroom Funds \$1,134.20, Insurance \$386.00
  - b. Income: Buddy Grams \$20.00 (Now up to \$790.00), After School Programs \$475.00, Apparel Sale -\$478.00, Community Bags \$60.00, Cookies with Santa Vendor Fair \$250.00, Cookies with Santa 50/50 Raffle \$94.00, Cookies with Santa Water Bottle & Bag Sales \$40.00
  - c. Account Totals: Checking \$6,454.98, Savings \$3,744.05, Square \$7,967.55, TOTAL of all Accounts \$18,166.58
  - d. Scholastic Dollars Balance: \$7,307.67 (Teacher Purchases \$1,447.74)



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6. Sweetheart Dance – Lynn Hicks & Sandra Peck (absent)
  - a. The building use form has been submitted and we are waiting on the approval.
  - b. Lynn shared that they are still looking for a photographer, but she has spoken with a parent who may be able to help.
  - c. Raffle items – There are 28 raffle prizes to date and there are still other contacts to reach out to.
7. Principal's Report – Dr. Zavodjancik
  - a. The students are in the process of taking winter assessments. The results will be sent home after the testing ends in February. Parents are encouraged to share any questions that they have with their child's classroom teachers.
  - b. Mrs. Rose will serve as the long-term substitute in the Library Media Center for Mrs. Clark for approximately 6 weeks. Mrs. Clark is recovering at home but still finding ways to stay involved.
  - c. Mrs. Shaw will serve as a student teacher in Ms. Gaynor's class for the spring session (January 13<sup>th</sup> through March)
  - d. Mrs. Lisa Esposito will serve as the school's paraprofessional while Mrs. Shaw completes her student teaching.
8. Teacher Representatives – Mrs. Grabarz & Ms. Gaynor
  - a. Cultural Projects are voluntary, but strongly encouraged. The goal is to share the cultural heritage students' countries of origin. The projects will be added to the child's See Saw account.
  - b. Booth Hill School is going to be hosting a diversity day for the students on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Each classroom will have stations for example: reading braille, promoting the knowledge of motor skill disabilities, wearing glasses, use of hearing, English as a second language, life in a wheelchair.
  - c. Mrs. Atkinson is planning another Mindfulness night for this year. She asked Mrs. Grabarz if she could let the PTO know that the event is being planned in the event that there may some funds that may be donated.
9. Room Parent Coordinator – Lauren Dilulio (absent)
  - a. Dr. Z commented that the holiday parties were very well organized, and the schedule flowed nicely.



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10. Community Outreach – Sara Wilbur for Kerry Turner & Dana Wirth
  - a. The sock drive runs from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of January.
  - b. Valentines hearts will be going home soon and are due back on February 7<sup>th</sup>.
11. BJs Membership Fundraiser – Sara Wilbur for Brooke Henri
  - a. Brooke has reached out to the contact person at BJs and details will become available shortly
12. Additional Committee Chair Updates
  - a. JA in a Day – Mirna Dancy
    - i. JA in a day will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. Mirna is looking for volunteers for each classroom. A flyer will go out shortly.
    - iii. There will be an orientation for new participants.
13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm