



Booth Hill School PTO General Meeting March 4, 2020 – 7 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Sara Wilbur
 - a. Call to order made by Sara Wilbur at 7:04pm
2. President’s Report – Sara Wilbur
 - a. Sara welcomed Amy Romano from the Board of Education
 - b. Mrs. Clark submitted a “Donors Choose” request for two projects. The PTO funded both projects: Westward Ho 4th Grade for \$232.94 and Using Books as Mirrors for \$110.50
 - c. Mrs. S has requested 2 volleyball standards because the ones she has are close to failing and she is concerned with safety. It will cost approximately \$800 to replace them. Lisa Twarog looked into having the poles repaired, but the cost would be more than it is worth and there is also no guarantee that the repair will be successful. Sara asked Dr. Z if they could also be placed in the school budget. Dr. Z. said they could submit a proposal for them to be replaced through the school budget or the athletic budget. Since the funds in the school system are so limited, the PTO will consider covering the cost of the new standards if the volleyball standards cannot be placed in the school budget.
 - d. Restaurant Night at Vincent’s was last week and raised \$160 (10% of sales). Arooga’s will be doing a fundraising night on Tuesday, March 31. They will be donating 15% of the Booth Hill Family Group sales from that evening to the PTO.
3. Board of Education Liaison – Amy Romano
 - a. The Board of Education are currently working with the new interim superintendent, Dr. Smith, on the budget for the upcoming school year. Dr. Smith has only been on board for a few days and is in the process of reviewing the framework that had been previously laid out by the BOE under the direction of Dr. Clouet.
4. Vice President’s Report – Lisa Twarog
 - a. The next Breakfast Club Meeting will be held at Foccacia’s on Wednesday, March 11th at 9:15am.
5. Treasurer’s Report – Gina Colgan
 - a. Expenses: Square Fees \$963.30 (current total), One School One Book \$189.79, 4th Grade T-Shirts \$819.00, Library Purchases (Teacher Requests) \$343.44



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- b. Income: Big Y Giving Tag Program \$6.00, Sweetheart Dance \$3,278.34, Water Bottle/Bag Sales \$38.00, Birthday Buddy Grams \$20.00, Amazon Smiles \$20.71
 - c. Account Totals: Checking \$1,572.14, Savings \$3,744.35, Square \$16,452.31, Total of all Accounts \$21,768.80
 - d. Other: Scholastic Dollars Balance \$4,301.34, still paying for After School Program invoices.
6. Principal's Report – Dr. Zavodjancik
- a. Dr. Z did his data presentation. Each year the schools get a report card. While Booth Hill has been a School of Distinction in the past, we did not make the cut this year. There was a drop in BHS's ranking because there was not as large of an improvement from 3rd to 4th grade test scores. While 4th grade test scores were comparable to other schools in the district, the 3rd grade test scores started at a much higher level, therefore the percentage improvement was less.
7. Teacher Representatives – Mrs. Grabarz & Ms. Gaynor
- a. Ms. Gaynor talked about Read across America week. There have been different colors and themes throughout the week. Each day there is a book that matches the theme and color. Third and Fourth grade Student Council Members read to some of the younger grades.
 - b. Mrs. Grabarz thanked the PTO for the donations for PBIS this month. The students had a lot of fun with creating their own crafts and inventions.
 - c. Ms. Gaynor shared that there are new hand sanitizer dispensers throughout the school. The teachers are promoting hand washing and cleanliness.
 - d. The teachers are preparing the students for the Student Lead Conferences. Dr. Z shared that they will be setting up computers with surveys so that parents can share their thoughts/feedback on this new approach.
8. After School Programs – Megan Sanches
- a. No update provided
9. JA in a Day – Sara Wilbur for Mirna Dancy
- a. JA in a Day is scheduled for March 26th. The volunteer orientation has been completed and most spots have been filled. We still need a volunteer for Mr. Messina's 4th grade class.
10. Yearbook – Alexis Adams
- a. Alexis started the 4th grade yearbook committee yesterday. The 4th Grade photo (to be taken in their special t-Shirts) will be on March 20th at 9:30am, with a rain date of March 27th. Flyers for



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yearbook sales and special messages will be sent out next week. Room Parents and Event Chairs will be contacted to ask if they have photos to submit.

11. Cultural Assemblies – Anna Moura

- a. No update provided

12. Boys and Special Lady Movie Night – Sara Wilbur for Danielle Spray

- a. The event will be held on Friday April 24th and the building use form has been submitted to the police department. The Shelton School District already has a movie license, so this will save the PTO money as we will not have to purchase one separately.

13. Fun Run – Chrissie Wilson

- a. Sunday April 5th 8am-10am
- b. The website we used last year has changed slightly. There is a fee to use the website that was waived last year, Chrissie will try to get a donor to cover the cost.
- c. The goal will be set at \$10,000.
- d. Chrissie would like to have the waiver online in electronic format – Lisa Twarog offered to look into adding it to the BHS website.
- e. Incentives – Top Earner will win a refurbished iPod touch and will get to be the gym teacher for a day.
- f. New this year, we are using a company who collects used sneakers and gives money to the school. Participants are asked to please donate to this cause. The company recycles the sneakers to make playground chips.

14. Author Visit – Sara Wilbur for Sanna Jacobs

- a. The visit will occur on May 28th or 29th with children's author Marc Nobleman. Sanna is trying to coordinate this visit with Mohegan school so that we can share the travel expenses.

15. Book Fair – Jessica Meyers

- a. The Book Fair will be the week of March 23rd with an evening session during conferences.
- b. The volunteer link is live and there are already a lot of parents signed up.
- c. The eWallet will be a new feature this year. This will allow parents to load money onto their child's account and avoid the complications of cash and checks. In addition to eWallet, cash and checks will still be an available option.



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16. Plant Sale – Sara Wilbur for JoAnn Vasser & Sara Widomski
 - a. JoAnn called Glendale Farms at the end of January to have our school added to the customer list for this year. A delivery date of Wednesday, May 6th at 4:00pm has been secured. The plant sale will run on Thursday, May 7th and leftovers will be sold on Friday, May 8th.
 - b. JoAnn has already received an order form in the mail from Glendale Farms. She has kept records on what sold last year and how much was left over. This will help with the ordering this year so we can estimate the correct amount of plants to order.
17. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm