



BOOTH HILL PTO GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 6, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

In- Person/ Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Sam Cook, Jenn Caruso, Jess Myers, Victoria Shea, Tony Persaud, Jessica Zervos, Debbie Testani, Wendy Grabarz, Dina Marks, Nancy Alves, Jess Callahan, Mae Meade, Anne Russo, Monica Kelly, Lee Lee Ma, Melissa Hanas, Diana Maynard, Cait Neal, Sarah Sergeant, Georgina Matsikas, Superintendent.

1. President's Report – Sam Cook, Jenn Caruso

- a. February was a quiet month for the PTO.
- b. Thank you to the PTO for helping with the leap year celebration.
- c. Mozzarella has been pushed to March 26th.
- d. Mats for the gaga pit are going to be purchased this week.
- e. The outdoor classroom is in the works, more to come in the April meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report – Jess Myers, Victoria Shea

- a. Expenses:
 - i. Sunshine \$30.00
- b. Total amount in accounts: $\$13,331.89 + \$3,819.43 + \$1,716.57 = \$18,867.89$

3. Principal Representative: Mrs. Marks

- i. It's early in March and we are full steam ahead.
- ii. conferences will be starting, and the Girl Scout troops are going to be here for childcare.
- iii. They are working towards their silver award.
- iv. The Eagle Scouts are going to build raised planting beds and benches.
- v. March 27th is the three screens assembly.
- vi. Early dismissal every Fridays in March.
- vii. New- April 2 early dismissal for the primary election day.
- viii. April 3rd the first graders will have an in school field trip.
- ix. Multi cultural even that night.



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- x. May 29th fourth graders visit Perry Hill School.
- xi. May 30th is field day with the rain day of May 31st.
- xii. June 4 is the fourth grade celebration.
- xiii. June 5 kindergarten celebration.
- xiv. One school one book schedule, TBD
- xv. June 11 last day of school.

4. Guest Speaker – Superintendent

- a. I try to come to the PTO meetings.
- b. This time of year there is the budget.
- c. Financial Walk, the summary is all on the website. As well as the proposal.
- d. The BOE at minimum needs 1.8 Million in order to not make cuts.
- e. 86% of budget is staff.
- f. I am impressed that we continue to work at the levels we are at now.
- g. By June 30th the financial aid will be all gone.
- h. Special education has been massively underfunded for years.
- i. The new special education director is amazing.
- j. We need to plan appropriately to fund special education.
- k. The only way to fund more education is by raising taxes.
- l. The board of Alderman is where the fight should be for funding.
- m. The public BOA meeting is in May I, you should be there to speak.

5. Teacher Representatives – Ms. Testani, Mrs. Grabarz

- a. Thank you for all the supplies.
- b. Conferences are coming up.
- c. Thank you for the Valentines Day celebrations, the kids loved it.

6. Parents Night Out — Nancy Alves

- a. Postponed due to snow now will be held on March 26th.
- b. Tickets are still for sale.
- c. This is a fundraiser for the PTO, for every ticket sold the PTO gets back \$15.



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7. Community Outreach- Tony Persaud
 - a. Please consider donating for the pantry. We will be collecting until next Friday.

8. Fathers Club: Tony Persaud
 - a. Looking for volunteers to help set up for the glow gala dance.
 - b. in need of volunteers to help install the gaga mats when they arrive.
 - c. Ax throwing March 28th.

9. Book Fair- Jess Myers
 - a. E-wallet is the easiest way to pay for your books, checks made out to BHS PTO.
 - b. please review the wishlist, returns will be accepted until Friday only.
 - c. The book fair will be open during conference night as well.

10. Glow Gala- Nancy Alves, Jess Callahan
 - a. Held on March 23rd at Perry Hill School at 6:30.
 - b. Conference night tickets will be for sale as well as swag for the gala. Neon hair, hairpieces, glasses etc.
 - c. A kid salon in Newtown has offered to do a promotion if you book with them for the event.

11. Fun Run- Anne Russo
 - a. Held on May 4th, to benefit the outdoor classroom.
 - b. The goal is to raise \$10,000.
 - c. There will be lots of incentives for signing up.

12. Teacher Appreciation - Monica Kelly, Lee Lee Ma, Joanne Price
 - a. May 6 -10 , Giving back to teachers.
 - b. Each day of the week will consist of breakfast for the teachers, bath bomb gifts, smoothies from Robeks, Sole will be bringing a whole day of wellness, and lunch provided by afire Engine Pizza.
 - c. Saturday of that week Orangetheory is going to hold a class for Booth Hill staff only.

13. New Business –



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- a. JA in a Day sign-ups will be starting, something to start thinking about if you would like to volunteer.
- b. The multicultural event is going to be held April 3rd in the evening. Therefore, the PTO meeting is going to be moved to March 27th.

Meeting Augured at 8:18