



## Booth Hill School PTO General Meeting February 1, 2023 – 7 p.m.

### Meeting Minutes

#### In Person Meeting – BHS Library

**Attendees:** Sara Wilbur, Lisa Twarog, Gina Colgan, Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Grabarz, Mrs. Testani, Ken Saranich, Kathy Yolish, Melissa Hanas, Jen Severs, Jess Myers, Sam Cook, Jess Zervos, Mae Meade, Martha Parkins, Anne Russo, Mary Rose Dymond, Heather Alves, Melissa Addario

#### Agenda Topics

1. President's Report – Sara Wilbur
  - a. Welcome Everyone
  - b. Author Visit 3/1
  - c. JA in a Day 4/28
  - d. Plant sale for Mother's Day
2. School Superintendent - Ken Saranich
  - a. BOE budget needs to be submitted by 2/15 to mayor office, finalized by 7/1
  - b. Two more budget workshop meetings
  - c. Current STATUS QUO funding increase is nearly 9%
  - d. Been flat funded for 10 years, except 1 year, largest ask since all day K ~8 yrs ago
  - e. Staffing is 85% of the BOE budget, fearful of layoffs if not funded by city
  - f. No real cap on class size in this district, there is in other districts
  - g. Parents need to attend Board of Aldermen meetings and advocate. Speaking is best but showing up is also very important. Request that BOE members support and advocate the budget – call mayor or BOA members
3. Treasurer's Report – Gina Colgan
  - a. Total amount in all accounts: Checking \$5,346.44, Savings \$3,746.58+\$4,945.22=\$14,038.24
  - b. Income since last meeting:
    - i. Restaurant Night - \$515
    - ii. BHS Ornaments - \$35
    - iii. Birthday signs - \$20 (now \$70)
    - iv. BWS – (\$447.98)



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- c. Expenses since last meeting:
  - i. Teacher Holiday Luncheon - \$460.38
  - ii. Sunshine - \$30
  - iii. Deposit DJ Dance - \$500
  - iv. Classroom Funds - \$248.30 (now \$699.75)
  - v. Author Visit Deposit - \$430
  - vi. Square Fees - \$3.22 (now \$745.19)
  - vii. Bank Fees - \$2
- 4. Principal's Report – Mrs. Marks
  - a. NWEA testing completed. Formed new intervention groups. Saw nice growth across the grades.
  - b. PBIS continues with weekly ticket draws. Glow sticks were provided at the dance party.
  - c. Keeping school spirit with dress up days.
  - d. On the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, we will do the cereal box domino challenge again. The goal is to collect 100 boxes per grade. After the boxes will be donated to food banks and some will be kept for BHS students who need it.
  - e. We won the school of distinction award.
  - f. We scored the lowest on chronic absenteeism.
  - g. National Chili Day is the end of February. Would like to do a chili cook off again with the possibility of prizes for the winners.
  - h. For One School One Book, looking to get an animal caravan to come to the school.
- 5. Teacher Representatives – Mrs. Grabarz, Ms. Testani
  - a. The dance party was great. Mrs. Marks did a great job organizing it.
  - b. The craft arrived for Valentine's Day.
  - c. Supplies are needed such as wet ones, tissues, Clorox wipes, and cups.
  - d. Excited for the author visit as this will be the first in school assembly in a while.
- 6. Sweetheart Dance – Jenn Caruso, Jennifer Severs
  - a. The dance will be Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at Perry Hill School.
  - b. The DJ and photo booth are confirmed.



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7. Community Outreach – Tony Persaud
  - a. Will be asking for pet supply donations to be sent to school. Planning a kick off for the end of February.
  - b. Mrs. Testani suggested this project could go along nicely with One School One Book which is in the month of March and Mrs. Marks agreed.
8. Book Fair - Jessica Myers
  - a. The book fair will be held Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Parents will be able to visit the book fair during the night of conferences on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - b. Scholastic is unavailable to do the fall 2023 book fair during conference weeks. We will need to determine when best to hold it instead.
9. New Business
  - a. End of Year Social will definitely be held on Friday, June 9. Anne Russo is planning on live music.
10. General Comments/Questions
  - a. Mrs. Marks thanked everyone at the meeting for being involved and active with the school.