



**Booth Hill School PTO General Meeting
March 6, 2019 – 7 p.m.**

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order/Approval of Minutes – Sara Wilbur
 - a. Call to order made by Sara Wilbur at 7:04 p.m. and minutes approved by JoAnn Vasser and Alexis Adams.
2. President's Report – Sara Wilbur
 - a. Sara informed the PTO members the Library Donation was approved at the last BOE meeting for \$5,700. Mrs. Clark also purchased the books for One School One Book for \$499 and the PTO will reimburse her for this amount.
 - b. Several large donations from other Elementary Schools were approved by the BOE meeting this past month and it gives hope to our PTO for future projects.
 - c. The next Restaurant Night will be on March 19th at Bella Rosa.
 - d. We are still seeking volunteers for JA in a Day for Mr. Messina and Ms. Miller's classroom.
 - e. Sara sent out emails to all current Committee Chairs regarding next year positions and the Nomination Process will soon begin for all open positions.
 - f. Erin Bukoski is unable to Chair the End of Year Picnic and the PTO is looking for someone to Chair this event.
 - g. This year the PTO has donated to Music and Library specials. The Fun Run proceeds will contribute toward Gym special. The Executive Board is going to contact Mrs. Holmes and see what needs she may have for Art special.
3. Vice President's Report – Lisa Twarog
 - a. Breakfast Club will begin on Friday, March 8, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. at Focaccia's.
4. Treasurer's Report – Gina Colgan
 - a. The PTO currently has \$28,461.79 currently in the account.
 - b. Since the last meeting, the income the PTO has received includes the Sweetheart Dance \$3,181, Amazon Smiles for \$36.62, Yearbook Messages for \$335 and \$43 from a bounced check.
 - c. The expenses the PTO has incurred includes the Assembly \$800, American Girl Doll postage of \$37, One School One Book for \$499.30 and JA in a Day for \$250 donation.
5. Principal's Report – Dr. Zavodjancik
 - a. Parents should have received an email from their teachers regarding Parent Conferences. They will be held in 15 minute increments, please contact your teacher directly to get a conference if there are no more available or the times do not work with your schedule.
 - b. This is the 3rd year in a row our school has received School of Distinction, we received a rating of 91.2 and it was the highest in the district. This is based on performance and growth, along with absences and PE.



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- c. Due to recent and past incidents on Social Media, Dr. Z. would like to brainstorm and have a meeting regarding the practices on Social Media. He would like to bring Teachers and Parents together to come up with a way to bring Social Media back to PTO business and leave the educator side out.
6. Teacher Representative – Ms. Gaynor and Mrs. Grabarz
 - a. Mrs. Atkinson was unable to attend today’s meeting but was looking for help for the upcoming Literacy Night. She would like to create “Calming Jars” and raffle 1 off for each grade level. She asked the PTO to contribute \$100 for the night, which was approved by the Executive Board. She also asked if Joanna Brooks would help with Yoga Fitness for the night.
 - b. Mrs. Grabarz reiterated that conferences are coming up and parents can come at different times outside of the conference slots. Please contact your teacher if needed.
 7. Book Fair – Andrea Tatalias
 - a. Flyer will be ready by tomorrow and Sign Up Genius is ready.
 - b. The Spring Book Fair will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday during the day. It will not be held that Thursday due to JA in a Day. In addition to these nights, the Book Fair will also run during the night of March 28th during Conferences, parents can browse and buy books during this time. They are unsure when the delivery will be made so they cannot guarantee a sale during the March 21st conferences.
 - c. Andrea is looking for anyone interested in doing the Book Fair next year to please contact her, so they can follow her through this year’s process.
 8. Flocking – Debbie Alain
 - a. Sara Wilbur provided the update in Debbie’s absence. Debbie is looking for this event to start once it gets a little warmer.
 9. Fun Run – Chrissie Wilson
 - a. The flyers will be sent out this week. This is a free event, you can register your child online and raise money. Students can run a mile or two during the Fun Run.
 - b. Volunteers will be needed, and a Sign Up Genius will be created.
 - c. Chrissie asked Dr. Z. if it could be communicated to the teachers that they are welcome to attend the Fun Run.
 - d. The event will be held on April 7th at 8 a.m. at Shelton High School. Mr. Niski and some Shelton High Track students will also be attending the Fun Run.
 - e. Chrissie would like someone to dress up in the Bulldog Costume.
 - f. The incentives for students to raise money include a pedometer, water bottle, dog tag, t-shirt and the top earner in the whole school will receive and an American Girl Doll or a Chromebook Laptop. If the school reaches their goal of \$10,000, every student gets one homework pass and there will be a PJ day. Top three classrooms will receive an Ice Cream Party.



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- g. The Fun Run is raising money toward the Athletics for the gym special and would like to purchase a Fan for the gymnasium and other athletic equipment that is needed.
10. Plant Sale – JoAnn Vasser
- a. The challenge in doing the Plant Sale is knowing how many Plants to order.
 - b. JoAnn also changed the date from a Friday to a Thursday, so any extra plants can be sold the next day and not kept at the school over the weekend.
 - c. JoAnn will order the plants from Glendale and they will be delivered on the Wednesday before at 5pm which was approved by Dr. Z.
 - d. Chrissie Wilson suggested that any extra plants leftover could be donated to the Beautification Committee.
11. Special Lady and Son Event – Magda Thompson
- a. Sara Wilbur provided the update in Magda’s absence.
 - b. The theme is Ninja Warrior and Wonder Women. Magda is working with Mrs. S. and it will take place on April 27th rain or shine from 11am to 1pm.
 - c. There will be various obstacle courses, moms do not have to participate in everything. There will be prizes and a raffle.
 - d. Magda reserved two food trucks. A slider truck will be available at an extra cost and one ice cream will be included in the event charge.
 - e. Volunteers will be needed and are we seeking parents of children that have girls, and fathers.
12. Additional Committee Chair Updates
- a. Author Visit – Sanna Jacobs
 - i. The upcoming author is Joe Shandrowski, it will take place on April 12th, there will be two assemblies K-2nd and 3rd & 4th will be together.
 - b. Beautification – Allison Pannella
 - i. Sara Wilbur provided the update in Allison’s absence. Old Ripton Garden Club offered to help the Beautification Committee.
13. New Business
- a. Nothing to Report.
14. General comments, questions or concerns.
- a. Joanna Brooks suggested an idea for next year, Crayola recycles old markers and takes any variety. She would like to start a Crayola Drive at the school and have every classroom have bins that students and teachers can dispense old markers into. Lisa Twarog suggested she reach out to Nora Rizzo who is involved in sustainability.
15. Adjournment – Motion to Adjourn made by Sara Wilbur at 8:26 p.m.