

Bowman PTA Board Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2018

Mr. Studley's Room

7:00PM Sign-In, Welcome, and Introductions

In attendance: Karin Ornstein, Gary Van Deurse, Valerie Machinist, Martha Rogers, Rebecca Fagan Gorospe, Alison Stevens, Joshua Curhan, Katie Quick, Lauren Avery, Cindy Arens

7:10PM PTA Business

- **Treasurer Update**

- Movie Night netted ~\$1600.
- Taxes are done.
- Mini-grant "Hoops and Books" approved and Mr. Bruff will be reimbursed.
- ACT Mother Goose performance for K funded.
- Staff reimbursement checks went out and we received many thank you notes, which were passed around.

- **Membership Update**

- Modest bump in membership since mid-year push went out. However, it was a good touch point to remind people what the PTA does. Alison is preparing materials to give out at Kindergarten screenings in May.
- New Banner -- looks awesome!
- Rebecca showed off the new PTA Banner to be displayed at all PTA events.
- Swag update-Rebecca is working on ideas for next year: Magnets, water bottles, re-usable shopping bags, stadium/camping chairs, pencil sharpeners.

- **Composting**

- Update from Cindy: Bowman is the only elementary school in Lexington not participating in a composting program. As a small step towards establishing a program, pizza boxes from movie night were composted! They were picked up by a composting company. Cindy is working on a composting plan for Spaghetti Dinner. She's also working with the school administration to figure out how to start composting at lunch. Dr. Anton would like to tie it into the school curriculum.

Ms. Rogers suggested tying this into the 5th grade service project. Another possibility is to tie it to Sustainable Clarke Student Group.

- **Website Update Group** (skipped)

- **Yes Club**
 - This is typically an afterschool program for 4th graders and there was no one to run it this year. Is it too late to get it going for current 4th graders? Karin will talk to Beth Briggs and find out. We'd like to get it going again next year, and we need to think about PTA recruitment in general because there will be many open positions to fill.

- **Next Year**
 - Co-President update. Katie Quick will be Co-President with Gary next year. Karin will be advisory.
 - Question raised about whether we should add a VP Exec Position for a representative from each grade and/or cultural group? Consensus was yes to both.
 - A "Spotlight" in Broadside on PTA volunteer of the month was suggested as a way to explain who the PTA is and what it does.
 - Auction – Plan for family friendly daytime event next year.
 - Calendar process – tweak this year's calendar and use it as a starting point for next year. Let's work to set the calendar for next year now.

8:30PM Adjourn

Next PTA meeting: March 20th at 7pm

Upcoming Events:

- 2/8 Science Fair

- 2/13 Family Math Night, Grades 2&3

- 3/1 Spaghetti Dinner

- 3/14 Wilson Farm Shopping Day

- 3/15 Kindergarten Orientation

- 3/21 Family Math Night, Grades K&1
- 3/23 Variety Show
- 4/6 Disco Bingo
- 5/15 Book Swap
- Teacher Appreciation Day in May