

PTA Meeting – Agenda

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 7:00 - 8:30PM
Bowman School

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

In attendance: Rebecca Fagan Gorospe, Katie Quick, Alison Stevens, Elaine Read, Joshua Curhan, Stephanie Ryan, Lauren Avery, Sarah Carter, Gary Van Deurse, Beth Glick, Iris Goldfarb, Brandy Hartford, Taleen Gleeson, Lacey VerHage, Anne Norman, Karin Ornstein, Valerie Machinist, Jenny Corduck

7:10 PM PTA Business

Treasurers Update:

- Box tops change – Individuals participating in this program will now need to scan receipts. Physical box tops to clip will be around for a while longer. It will take some education to remind people of this change so we don't lose revenue from the program.

Review and Vote on Budget:

- Motion made to approve the 2019-2020 PTA budget, which passed unanimously.

Membership Update:

- About 60% of families have joined the PTA, similar to last year at this time. More may trickle in over the year, but likely not a ton more.

Principal's Update:

- Redistricting meeting – Jenny attended the parent forum today. Message from families was that we need to remember kids are behind all of this. Everyone wants what is best for them. The superintendent is acutely aware of the impact the changes may have on both students that will move and those who will be left behind.
 - Goal is to achieve equity and balance among the schools.
 - No disclosure on when revisions to current proposal will be released, if at all.
 - Jenny and all principals will be attending the forum in the evening on Thursday, 10/24 as well.
- Thank you to the PTA for electing two new site council members – Val Machinist and Stacey Caravella.
- Thank you to the PTA for buying dinner for back to school night, it is very appreciated by teachers. Great that PTA was so visible that evening, handing out swag and interacting with parents.
- 142 kids are registered for 100 mile club! The PTA holds the money for the program but does not administer it.
- Beth and Jenny are attending the LEF grantee award reception tomorrow (10/17). Purchased flexible seating for the school (school community grant). Beth and other teachers also went to visit a school in Brooklyn based on DEI learning.
- Had second all school meeting today. Team of six 5th graders (Ms. Gallardo's class) presented first of seven core values, "we all belong." Also made a dance video as a result of a LHS challenge to Old Town Road (Kidz Bop version).
- Planning for before next PTA meeting (11/13) 6:15-7pm offering a Dismantling Racism workshop for parents, to learn more about the curriculum.
- Storybook character day will be in the spring this year.

- As per previous years, Bowman will not have any activities planned around Halloween.

Silent Auction:

- \$4,805 total income.
- Running it online was a great decision and easy to manage.
- Gary has thank you notes from PTA Board to teachers.
- Rebecca is bringing breakfast to the police station as a thank you for donating the ride to school.
- Spring Fundraiser vs Fundraiser next fall - revisit in November
 - Trying to be sensitive to redistricting and don't want to make families do a fundraiser for a school they may not be attending the following year.

LEF Trivia Bee:

- We have one teacher team, and may have one parent team.

Other Discussion Items:

- Star Student bears - What to do with leftovers, should we give them to 5th graders at graduation?
 - Consensus is yes, we should do this.
 - Redistricting impact - revisit in November

Open Positions

Geo bee organizer needed - need an overall coordinator

Big map organizer needed

Directory person needed

Membership shadow needed

8:15 PM Any other Business

Upcoming Events

LEF Trivia Bee - Nov 4

Spirit Wear - On sale through Nov 10

Book Fair - 10/23-25, 10/28-31 (setup 10/22, breakdown 11/1)

Next PTA Meeting ****NOTE DATE CHANGE**** - 11/20/19

- Immediately prior to this meeting, there will be a "Dismantling Racism and other isms" parent presentation, starting at 6:15pm that evening