

# PTA Meeting – Agenda

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 7:00 - 8:30PM  
Bowman School

**In attendance:** Katie Quick, Rebecca Fagan Gorospe, Jenny Corduck, Beth Glick, Gary Van Deurse, Valerie Machinist, Anne Norman, Seri Latiff, Lauren Avery, Joshua Curhan, Lisa Permerlani, Lacey VerHage, Winnie Tsiang-Pong, Karin Ornstein

## 7:00 PM Sign-in, Welcome, and Introductions

### 7:10 PM PTA Business

#### Treasurer update:

- Fifth grade activities income is approximately \$1,800, PayPal transfer not reflected in budget yet.
- \$4,300 collected from book fair, thank you to Katie Quick and all the volunteers who made it another success!
- Nature's Classroom (June 10-12, 2020):
  - Buses – quote came in higher than budgeted, but the issue is the budget was not set properly. Last year the cost increased because another bus was needed, which happened again this year. Cost will be \$2,820, and the PTA covers this cost for the school. Meeting attendees voted in favor of covering the cost; the budget will be adjusted and money will be allocated appropriately next year.
  - Discussed how PTA scholarship fund will help cover cost for any families who need financial assistance for this trip.
- Extra money from last year's fifth grade class will go to a gift to the school (probably a new PTA kiosk outside in front of the school).
- Treasurers obtained raffle permit for the year.
- Spirit wear revenue was \$640 – less than last year which was abnormally high for all of LPS. May do another pop-up sale in the spring.
- The question was raised if we need a big fundraiser this year? Projected to have an overall loss of about \$12K this year. However, the PTA remains in strong financial standing. We will likely hold off on a large fundraiser this year. The redistricting plays into this. Clarke is also having a big event this spring which would mean parents with kids in both schools might not want to contribute twice.
- Had discussed doing all school fun run – any amount of income helps. May still consider this in the spring.
- New co-VP of fundraising introduced – Lacey VerHage
- Spaghetti dinner will be March 2.
- Matching corporate gift donation – \$300 from Salesforce

#### Principal update:

- The dates for several end of year events have been adjusted. The Nature's Classroom trip for the fifth graders had to be moved because of potential MCAS conflicts. The dates are now as follows:
  - Moving On Ceremony – Thursday, June 4
  - Fifth Grade Luau – Friday, June 5
- Thank you to Lauren Avery for helping with Geography Bee in December.
- Thinking about the fall PTA auction and matters of equity in terms of who can afford to bid on the experiences. Jenny would like to consider offering a raffle experience as well. Also an issue for families with two kids.
- Maybe Jenny could do a raffle for principal for a day attached to a reading challenge. Or a spaghetti dinner raffle item. Maybe add it as a class basket raffle item. TBD but thought is being put into this idea.
- School committee meeting in Boston – very last minute this year, often in November. Should be on the regular school committee calendar and wasn't this year. Taleen

Gleeson, Rebecca Fagan Gorospe, Beth Glick, Ellen Day attended. Superintendent and school committee members were there also. Rode bus from Central administration. Heard a presentation by METCO administrator from Lexington. 200-300 people there. Purpose is for Boston families to have an opportunity to see a school committee meeting.

- Redistricting update:
  - METCO families will not be redistricted and will remain at current schools.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> plan and meeting on Monday 11/25, vote on December 3.
- **Membership update** – 61.44% or 247 total memberships (257 last year), \$18,377 total has been collected.
- **Communications update** - moving Yahoo group to Google. Yahoo is changing the way they manage groups, moving communications team group over to Google. Community announcements will end up here.
- **Families in Need gift drive** – email will go out on 11/25, Karla Nash is running this again. Sign-up genius going out that day. Drop off on Dec. 9. Drop off box will be in Bowman lobby and at Karla's house as well.
- **Science Fair** – Karla Nash is running this also. This year the science fair will be on two nights – first night grades 3-5, second night grades K-2. More students can participate and no one will be turned away.
  - Will leave projects in classrooms so kids can see each other's projects even if they don't attend the fair.
  - The all school meeting in December will discuss it.
  - Considering adding a food/concessions element at the science fair as a fundraiser, need someone to run it. Would include pizza, water and snacks.
- **Local sponsorships/swag items** – there was a discussion regarding if we should allow businesses to include swag items in the PTA swag. Unsure if this is what we want to do, even if we have them pay and profit off of it. More discussion on this topic will happen in the future.

#### **Open Positions**

Directory person needed

Membership shadow needed

#### **8:15 PM Any Other Business**

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#### **Upcoming Events:**

**Families in Need Gift Drive** - signup 11/25, drop off week of 12/9

**4th and 5th grade Geo Bee** December 4 from 8:45-9:45 and December 13 from 3:30-4:30

**12/17/19 - Holiday Cookie Teacher Appreciation event**

This is a new event this year. Teacher appreciation team came up with this. There will be a cookie event where families bring in cookies for teachers.

1/8/20 – **PTA Meeting** 7pm

Need to move February PTA meeting because of 4<sup>th</sup> grade orchestral concert. Would be Wed. 2/26 (not 2/12)

1/16/20 – **Book Swap & Bedtime Stories**

1/28/20 – **Math Night** – Grades 4 & 5 (new date)

2/5/20 & 2/6/20 – **Science Fair**