

# PTA Meeting – Agenda

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 | 7:00 - 8:30PM  
Bowman School

**In attendance:** Jenny Corduck, Rebecca Fagan Gorospe, Winnie Tsiang-Pong, Anne Norman, Joshua Curhan, Lisa Premerlani, Taleen Gleeson, Iris Goldfarb, Stephanie Ryan, Brandy Hartford, Sarah Carter, Valerie Machinist

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

## 7:10 PM PTA Business

### Treasurers update

- Approval vote needed for overage on teacher reimbursable budget
  - Budgeted \$12,500, need \$13,625, over by \$1,125
  - In order to proceed with this new amount we need to approve
  - Explanation: new classroom teachers receive \$225, returning teachers receive \$200, other support staff, specialists, and part time teachers get other amounts and this causes numbers to fluctuate year over year
  - Winnie will pass it along final amounts to Jenny for her final approval
- Voted and motion to approve extra money, up to \$1,500, approved

### Principal update

Redistricting update:

- Now we know how redistricting will impact Bowman
- Former Clarke principle Anna Monaco, will be in charge of implementation throughout the district
- Step up day will be close to the end of school, will allow students moving to a new school to ride a bus to their new school that day and check it out
- There will also be an evening for parents and children to come to new schools, teachers won't be at this event
- Everyone who has been redistricted will get a letter (one per kid) and will have to opt into grandfathering if they qualify. Providing transportation for everyone who decides to grandfather.
- Letters will come out around 1/15.

School budget update:

- There was a meeting today with Dr. Hackett and the budget conversation started. Over the last several years, the budget has been cut by the Town of Lexington (8.5%, 7%, 5% last year, 4.3% this year, 3.3% next year).
- There is a new town manager which has something to do with this, choosing to pay retired town employee benefits instead of putting this money into the schools.

Other updates:

- At December's all school meeting explored 3<sup>rd</sup> core value "be curious and have fun," different 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms are presenting to the school. The students tied it to the upcoming science fair. (No food will be sold at the science fair this year.)
- There is an all-school meeting at the end of the month, care for yourself and others is the topic, and students are celebrating different groups of teachers.
- Bowman got a new piece of equipment for cafeteria/kitchen – a new kettle for cooking!

## **PTA updates**

Shadows and open positions:

- We are going to lose members of the board as a result of redistricting (Gary VanDeurse-fundraising, Allison Stevens-membership, Karla Nash-science fair, Sarah Carter-VP School Support and Artsonia)  
PTA BOARD POSITIONS NEEDED: VP Membership, VP School Support, VP Fundraising
- PROGRAM COORDINATORS NEEDED: Math Night, Science Fair, Families in Need, Artsonia, Directory
- Let Katie or Rebecca know if you are interested in any positions or know someone who is

Fundraising update:

- Class Basket Raffle coming up – about a third of them are signed-up for
- Disco Bingo is 4/3, classrooms must decide on baskets by 2/28
- Week leading up to bingo is parent-teacher conferences, would like to get the baskets in by 3/23 so they can be on display
- Would need to staff volunteers to sell tickets
- Other fundraiser would be kids' fun run in the spring

Before February break we will do another teacher appreciation with food and little valentines gifts (Brandy Hartford is organizing).

There was a gift for Ms. Goldfarb and the art program – 30 boxes of brush markers donated by a family.

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

### **Upcoming Events:**

1/16/20 – **Stories Under the Stars and Book Swap**

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

2/5/20 & 2/6/20 – **Bowman Science Fair**

2/17/20 – **February Vacation**

2/25/20 – **Family Math Night** – Grades 2 & 3

2/26/20 – **February PTA meeting – new date!**