

PTA Meeting – Agenda

Thursday, October 15, 2020 7:00 - 8:30PM

In attendance: Anne Norman, Rebecca Fagan Gorospe, Brandy Hartford, Beth Glick, Lakshmi Ramanath, Iris Goldfarb, Katie Quick, Meghan Wilson, Stephanie Ryan, Lauren Avery, Elaine Read, Mayera Thabet, Kessie Avseikova, Winnie Pong, Dru and Priti Parchal, Fatema Sumar, Joshua Curhan, Natasha Zeb, Radha Badani, Taleen Gleeson.

7:00 PM – Welcome and Introductions

7:15 PM – PTA Business

Vote in Current Board Members – A motion was made to vote in our board members, and the motion passed.

Approve Budget – The board previously reviewed the budget, and the treasurers made note that they are being conservative with what is achievable this year. The board agrees we should leave the budget as is, even though we may not make or spend as much in other years. If adjustments need to be made along the way, we can re-vote on the budget.

- There was discussion regarding the book fair this year. Katie Quick feels like it won't make nearly as much money this year as we are not sure what it will look like. An outdoor book fair in the spring along with something online is a possibility.
- A motion was made to pass the budget, and the motion passed.

Principal Update – Provided by Beth Glick

- Phase-in process has been working
- Staff very appreciative of snacks provided by PTA
- Back to school night (11/5)
- Conferences (11/11, 12, 16, 17) – these are half days for students
- Virtual “Glow and Grow” sessions to provide discussion and feedback (10/27, 9:30-10:15am)
- Bowman, Harrington, and Estabrook are participating in a pilot health curriculum program that will take place during blue weeks.

Membership Update

- Membership stats below, we're at about 45%, slightly lower income than last year.
- We got a lot of memberships last year at back to school night. Is there anything we can do this year? Add a link to membership page as part of back to school night?
- Have room parents remind everyone on back to school night about membership? Or have them provide a summary as a follow-up?
- Swag items on order

Fundraising Planning

- Book fair is a big fundraiser, still TBD as mentioned earlier
- First one coming up is class basket raffle which will be done as an online auction (online raffles are illegal in MA)
- Everything else is scheduled for the spring, we will see how things go and what is safe to have
- Teacher experience auction, possibly in May if teachers feel ok with it
- Kids fun run a possibility
- Spirit wear is ongoing
- Stop & Shop with registered card
- Box Tops – mostly electronic, but can submit paper ones by November 2
- Wilson Farm shopping day (did not happen in spring 2020)
- Amazon Smile (now works with the app, but have to update it every 6 months)

- Black Earth Compost give \$10 to PTA for every sign-up
- Will begin featuring these ongoing fundraisers in weekly Monday emails

Event Planning

- Passport to Belonging – Beth Glick envisions this as something monthly where families can share different pieces of their heritage and culture. Several parents have volunteered to coordinate this with Beth.
- Lunch bunches outside during recess for kids to connect
- Have library volunteers do read-alouds for kids at lunch during home weeks/RLA students

Social Media

- Fatima has volunteered to help with social media this year, thank you!

8:30 PM – Meeting adjourned

This is the link to the LPS quarantine protocols that Dr Hackett updated on 9/23/2020.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/192xYA5_l1nqea83T4iAQlOcy_4htEk48L8KiyT5etQo/edit

Upcoming Events:

- PTA Meeting 11/18, 7pm

2020-2021 PTA Planning Calendar:

10/21/20	5th graders only - School Picture Day (Cohort A and RLA?)
10/25/20	Bowman Spirit Wear Online Sale Ends
10/28/20	5th graders only - School Picture Day (Cohort B and RLA?)
TBD Oct/Nov	Class Basket Auction
11/5/20	Back-to-School Night (Parents Only)*
11/18/20	PTA meeting 7pm
12/9/20	<i>PTA Executive Board Holiday Gathering (not a public meeting)</i>
12/16/20	Holiday Teacher Appreciation Event
1/6/21	PTA Meeting 7pm
1/12/21	Math Night – Grades 4 & 5
1/21/21	Stories Under the Stars – Book Swap
TBD	Bowman Book Fair
2/3-2/4/21	Science Fair
2/9/21	February / Valentine's Appreciation Event
2/10/21	PTA Meeting 7pm
2/23/21	Math Night – Grades 2 & 3
3/10/21	PTA Meeting 7pm
3/16/21	Math Night – Grades K & 1

TBD	BIG Map Night (all grades)
3/19/21	Bowman Variety Show – (at Clarke Middle School?)
4/6/21	Math Night Snow day
TBD	Storybook Character Day
4/7/21	PTA Meeting 7pm
4/9/21	Disco Bingo Night / Class Basket Raffle
4/12/21-4/16/21	Earth Week
TBD	Teacher Experience Auction - May hold off until 2021-22
5/3/21-5/7/21	Teacher Appreciation Week
5/5/21	PTA Meeting 7pm
TBD	Passport to Belonging
6/4/21	End of Year Picnic
6/4/21	Kids Fun Run Fundraiser
6/4/21	NEW - Movie Night Outside following picnic?
6/10/21	All School Field Day
6/2/21 or 6/9/21	<i>PTA Organizers End of Year Celebration (not a public meeting)</i>
6/16	Last day of school

2020-2021 Bowman PTA Executive Board:

Co-President 19/20 & 20/21	Rebecca Fagan Gorospe
Co-President 20/21 & 21/22	Anne Norman
Secretary	Valerie Machinist
Treasurer	Winnie Tsiang-Pong
Treasurer	Elaine Read
Advisory	Katie Quick
Co-VP Communications	Stephanie Ryan
Co-VP Communications	Brandy Hartford
VP Events, Community	Lisa Premerlani
VP Events, Extracurricular	Lauren Avery
Co-VP Events, Fundraising	Lacey VerHage
Co-VP Events, Fundraising	Lakshmi Ramanath
VP Membership	Christine Chang
VP School Support	Taleen Gleeson
VP Remote Community	Karin Ornstein

VP Community Service	Radha Badani
Co-VP Community - Cultural Activities	Natasha Zeb
Co-VP Community - Cultural Activities	Nayera Thabet

Membership Update - As of 10/15/2020:

Description	Ordered	Revenue
Basic PTA Membership 2020-21	37	\$925.00
Good Sport Membership 2020-21	31	\$1,085.00
Anniversary Membership 2020-21	19	\$1,026.00
Bowman Pride Membership 2020-21	44	\$4,400.00
Family Pack Membership 2020-21	16	\$3,200.00
Triple-Pack Membership 2020-21 (For families with three kids!)	1	\$250.00
Library and Diversity Membership 2020-21	3	\$1,500.00
Totals	151	\$12,386.00