

PTA Meeting – Agenda

Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 7:00 - 8:30PM

In attendance: Rebecca Fagan Gorospe, Anne Norman, Jenny Corduck, Beth Glick, Brandy Hartford, Valerie Machinist, Winnie Pong, Elaine Reed, Joshua Curhan, Iris Goldfarb, Lisa Premerlani, Christine Chang, Karin Ornstein, Lakshmi Ramanath, Lauren Avery, Radha Badani, Taleen Gleeson, Nayera Thabet, Xi Sun

7:00 PM – Welcome and Introductions

7:15 PM – PTA Business

Budget Update

- The gingerbread cookie-decorating contest brought in \$1,500, the read-a-thon has brought in \$200 so far. Neither of these were in the budget but they had almost no outgoing expenses.
- Box tops income is down, people are probably not using the app, and it's hard or impossible to submit for online purchases. Hopeful that Wilson Farm shopping day will compensate for some of this loss.

Principal Update

- LPS did a parent survey back in November. Jenny posted results in the 12/23 email sent out but suspects some have not had a chance to read it so will leave it in there for more to view. Purpose was to see how folks were feeling about hybrid, RLA, etc. and the hope is to address some of the things.
- Overwhelming feedback for families wanting to connect with one another and for kids to have connection with one another. Thank you to the PTA for supporting connections through our activities.
- Surveillance testing – voluntary effort, collecting saliva samples of all staff and students (middle and high school only). Not supposed to begin until end of Jan/beginning of Feb, but starting process next week. More info to come. Will only be notified if test positive. Link for volunteering is below in notes, as well as some other helpful links.
- Tomorrow is a professional learning day, one of three extra days (also in March and May). Tomorrow's PD is ALICE training (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). It is for an event when someone is in the school who shouldn't be there. All teachers, including RLA, will attend remotely.
- Report cards are coming, ready for parents by mid-February. Term ends 1/29. There will be certain standards "grayed out" that are not being addressed formally this year because of the complexities of this school year. Will differ by grade level.

PTA/PTO Transition

- No questions submitted once this was announced. Next steps are to get a Tax ID and become a 501(c)3. Also need to create a PTO bank account. All being advised and assisted by our legal council, Kevin Sargis.
- Motion was made to do funds transfer from PTA to PTO on an as-needed basis throughout the year. Motion was passed, no opposition.
- No problems or tax implications because both entities are non-profits.

Community Service Update

- Families in Need Gift Drive was extremely successful, Venmo donations helped get lots of donations. Total was \$3,500 in gift card donations which was more than we had committed to.
- Organizers used a text campaign among friends because it was suspected that many have email fatigue and were missing emails.

Membership Update (details below)

- Last push got us up to 49% up from 46%. Top two classes were Dreyer and Studley (total number), Kupfer and Kearns (highest % enrollment) – these four classes will each receive \$75 in scholastic books.
- Treasurers have to pay PTA dues and need updated membership list.

Fundraising Update

- Gingerbread Cookie Decorating Contest – See above for financial details, about 80 submissions.
- Bowman’s First Read-A-Thon – Financial details above, about 50 kids have submitted hours so far. Every student and teacher will get a pin from this.
- Virtual Book Fair – about \$1,000 in sales, profits will go to class prizes for read-a-thon
- February Teacher appreciation Valentine’s roses – families or room parents can purchase roses for teachers. Get orders in by end of January, will be delivered to school right before Valentine’s day.
- February vacation craft or art kits/STEM kits – have not started working on this, would be a purchase/fundraiser for the PTA. Suggestion was made to tie this into the science fair.

Updates on Events

- Teacher Book Wish Lists – still have teachers who haven’t sent in wish lists, info went out and is being extended for another few weeks.
- Family Math Nights – First virtual math night for grades 4 and 5 on 1/12 6:30-7:15, about 25 slots filled already. 2/9 grades 2 and 3, 3/9 grades K and 1.
- Virtual Stories Under the Stars Coffeehouse – 1/21, sign-up closes on Monday, 1/11. Thank you to Beth for the video teaser. May be a book swap component at a later date.
- Science Fair - February/March
- Passport to the World Planning – Have had a great response. Families will share things about their different cultures. Hope to provide connection among families.
- After-school special interest clubs – idea is a special interest group for kids to virtually gather. Such as Lego, STEM, knitting, cartooning, etc. Could be a one-off thing or something that meets regularly. Teachers can’t oversee this either during the day or after school (everyone is too tapped out), and right now it needs to be only Zoom. Could not start until 3:30 to accommodate for kids getting home, including METCO students.

8:30 PM – Adjourn

You are welcome to stay on and chat after the meetings.

Upcoming Events:

- Family Math Nights - Grades 4-5, 1/12/21
- Virtual Stories Under the Stars Coffeehouse 1/21/21
- Family Math Nights - Grades 2-3, 2/9/21
- PTA Meeting - 2/10/2021, 7pm
- Bowman Science Fair Projects due: 2/21/21
- Family Math Nights - Grades K-1, 3/9/21

Links:

Superintendent’s Report from 1/5/21

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1u3f5JKQkCO1UCTPVD3GaWd9n9C-14xeQbp_ddFHgLmA/edit

Updated Close Contact Return to School Guidelines for LPS

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1e-CFKHum-YaKeh4PJnYFt_Gpz58bYISV49RaMYjEOqw/edit

LPS Covid Surveillance Testing Volunteer Form

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd88NipqiKBCKnuNwuLFUW3aMNARlvwdG2pGGrZGoXnjtZQ2Q/viewform>

LEF Covid-19 Management Fund

<https://www.lexedfoundation.org/covid19managementfund>

Bowman PTA Membership Update – As of 1/4/21

Families enrolled = 49%

Description	Ordered	Revenue
Basic PTA Membership 2020-21	<u>50</u>	\$1,250.00
Good Sport Membership 2020-21	<u>36</u>	\$1,260.00
Anniversary Membership 2020-21	<u>21</u>	\$1,134.00
Bowman Pride Membership 2020-21	<u>52</u>	\$5,200.00
Family Pack Membership 2020-21	<u>20</u>	\$4,000.00
Triple-Pack Membership 2020-21	<u>1</u>	\$250.00
Library and Diversity Membership 2020-21	<u>3</u>	\$1,500.00
Bowman Free Membership 2020-2021	<u>5</u>	\$0.00
Totals	188	\$14,594.00

2020-2021 Fundraising Plan

Membership	Sept-June
Spirit Wear	Sept/Oct
School Photos	Oct
Basket Auction	Nov
Bowman Face Masks (cont. from Spirit Wear)	Nov/Dec
Bowman Teacher Swag Gift Kits	Nov/Dec
Gingerbread Kits	Dec
Read-a-thon	Dec
Virtual Book Fair	Dec
Craft or Art kits/STEM kits?	Feb (Feb vacation week)
Valentine Roses for Teachers	Feb
Wilson's Shopping Day	March
Spaghetti Dinner?	March
Disco Bingo?/Class Baskets	Apr
Spa Kits?	May (Mother's day)
School Photos	May
Spring Book Fair Outdoors?	May/June
Kids Run / (Class Baskets Raffle?)	June
Amazon	Ongoing
Stop & Shop	Ongoing
Box Tops	Ongoing
Black Earth	Ongoing