

PTA Meeting – Agenda

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 | 7:00 - 8:30PM

This meeting was recorded.

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

7:00 PM – Welcome and Introductions

7:15 PM – PTA Business

Budget

- LEF – We are again sponsoring a Trivia Bee team, which will be virtual this year (didn't catch the name!)
- Transferred 16K from PayPal
- Only two grade level programs happening right now:
 - 3rd grade doing Plimoth plantation presentations, any overage will be covered by Jenny's discretionary fund.
 - 4th grade doing 2 programs, Harvard Museum and Lowell Textile Museum virtual tours.
- Class basket auction – made \$1000 from last year's class baskets
- Library and diversity budget items – how much will go into diversity curriculum? Library books in the donor family's name (from memberships – 3 families) and other to diversity curriculum/performance. \$1500 minus the library books to use. Beth and Jenny will think about how to get most out of that for the school.
 - Might be some curriculum around diversity, but Jenny expressed concern because they have extremely limited meeting time with teachers this year.

Principal Update

- Thank you for the treats that randomly appear in the staff room!
- If we have a positive COVID case at Bowman, what happens after that?
 - If this happens, we will hear from Jenny and Jean Claffey if/when there was a positive case.
 - Next piece will be contact tracing, will call families and staff members of a possible exposure to a positive case. Will tell you what you need to know and do at that point.
- Concern expressed by all around uptick in cases in MA and Lexington.
- The schools will not make changes from hybrid to RLA or vice versa until January. If you want to make a change in January, please email Jenny with your wishes. If go hybrid to RLA, may get assigned to another elementary school, not guaranteed to get a Bowman teacher. These families will not lose spot at Bowman, but during time attending RLA may be part of another school. When things return to "normal" they will return to Bowman.
- If travel during the holidays and miss school, same principles apply, school not obligated to provide learning and work.
- If student misses school because they have COVID or symptoms, schools will accommodate learning needs.
- Friday, Jenny has phone call with Alphabet Rockers to do virtual concert in the spring. Unclear if we have already paid for this, treasurers are looking into it.

PTA/PTO Transition

- Brandy Hartford is heading this transition.
- See presentation, info is what was shared in email last week.

Community Service Update

- Families in Need Gift Drive – will start right after Thanksgiving
 - Once receive gift card requests will put the info out in newsletter, Broadside, and Principal update
 - Will mostly be gift cards
- Broad discussion about community service:
 - How can we create more ways for kids to engage?
 - Want kids to see the impact of what they are doing.
 - Community service should start at home – what is closer to our community?
 - Work with METCO community (adopt a classroom for example), resurrect Ms. Barbacano's garden and connect it to something – harvest veggies and donate to a pantry, how can we look at the curriculum and see if there are ways to connect what they are learning with a community service program (social studies or science in particular).
 - Let Radha Badani know if you have more ideas for what to do.

Membership Update (see below for specifics)

- At 46% enrollment right now.
- Membership swag delivered, will troubleshoot for families who didn't get it.
- Want to learn what membership by classroom is. Also need to promote to staff/faculty again.

Fundraising Update (see below)

- Spirit wear was Sept-Oct
- Class basket auction
- Cookie decorating competition
- Read-a-thon over holidays
- Book fair or swap in January
- Offering an art or STEM kit in February for over the break
- Wilson Farm shopping day in March
- Maybe Disco Bingo/class raffle in March or April
- Book fair outdoors in spring
- June – Fun Run
- Amazon smile, box tops, Stop andShop are all ongoing
- Pushing teacher experience auction off until next year out of respect for teachers time

Updates on Events

- Passport to the World planning:
 - Had a planning meeting. Want to figure out how to organize the event. A survey will go out to see what interest families have in participating, helping with tech, how they would want to participate. Would like to roll out starting in February.
- Science Fair – February – will be remote, all presentations will be on one collaborative website.
- Library Volunteers – going to be doing read-alouds at lunchtime, by grade level, orientation meeting tomorrow, let Rebecca know if you would like to join.
- Book Swap – January – unsure what will do for this. What about an evening “coffeehouse?” Could read a story, perform a song, read something they have written, etc. Almost like an open mic night. Beth would love to be the emcee. Thinking of other creative ways to swap books, similar to the wagons folks are doing in town already.
- Puppet shows – would PTA want to do virtual shows?

- Math Nights, possibly in January. Trying to figure out best way to manage virtually. Maybe lend materials out? Play games via zoom? Send home worksheets? Right now scheduled for January, February and March

8:30 PM – Adjourn

Upcoming Events:

- Library Volunteers Coffee - 11/19, 9:15am
- Thanksgiving Break - Half Day 11/25, No School 11/26-11/27
- Families In Need Holiday Gift Drive Nov/Dec
- PTA "Holiday Gathering" / Passport to the World Planning Meeting - 12/6, 7pm/7:30pm
- Winter Break - 12/24/2020 - 1/1/2021
- PTA Meeting - 1/6/2021, 7pm

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 or Read-a-thon?	Dec
Book Fair?	Jan
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

Membership Update - as of 11/17/2020:

Families enrolled = 46%

Description	Ordered	Revenue
Basic PTA Membership 2020-21	<u>47</u>	\$1,175.00
Good Sport Membership 2020-21	<u>33</u>	\$1,155.00
Anniversary Membership 2020-21	<u>20</u>	\$1,080.00
Bowman Pride Membership 2020-21	<u>51</u>	\$5,100.00
Family Pack Membership 2020-21	<u>19</u>	\$3,800.00
Triple-Pack Membership 2020-21 (For families with three kids!)	<u>1</u>	\$250.00
Library and Diversity Membership 2020-21	<u>3</u>	\$1,500.00
Totals	174	\$14,060.00