

## **PTA Meeting – Agenda**

Wednesday, April 7 2021 | 7:00 - 8:30PM

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### **In attendance:**

Rebecca Fagan Gorospe, Brandy Hartford, Jenny Corduck, Beth Glick, Val Machinist, Jaclyn Anderson, Lauren Avery, Christine Chang, Elaine Read, Ina Jiang, Iris Goldfarb, Jessica Quattrocchi, Joshua Curhan, Karin Ornstein, Katie Quick, Kessie Avseikova, Lisa Premerlani, Nayera Thabet, Radha Badani, Taleen Gleeson, Winnie Tsiang-Pong, Stephanie Ryan, Andrew Bennett, Natasha Zeb

### **7 PM – Welcome and Introductions**

#### **7:05 PM – PTA Business**

##### **Budget Update**

- Money trickling in for class basket raffle (>\$4K, in a normal year would be around \$6K) and 5<sup>th</sup> grade cookbook.
- Teacher reimbursement checks – 4 have not cashed checks and we are assuming they will not. Going to move forward with closing accounts. Thanks to Winnie, Elaine, and Jenny for help in closing this out.

##### **Principal Update**

- Return to school has gone smoothly so far, the school welcomed about 35 new students from RLA to full-time. A few decided to go from hybrid to RLA. Scattered throughout the building/classes.
- This has been a huge lift for teachers and staff, required all new schedules for everyone. Specialist schedules were especially challenging.
- Shifting has been nothing short of tremendous. Credit and huge shout out to teachers and staff.
- Edwin Francois new Assistant Principal. He is coming to us from Roslindale and will start July 1. Absolute standout among 14 final candidates.
- There are 5 students from Bridge who joined Ms. Barbacano's class. It was a district-wide need to reshuffle a few RLA kids. These students keep 1 foot in each school for the rest of the year. Room parents will try to integrate these students into the classroom, but will not ask for fundraising money.
- Will have room parent coordinator draft a communication.
- MCAS schedule is changing almost every day, stay tuned for more info from Jenny. Moved to May for now.

##### **PTA/PTO Transition Update**

- Official transition of funds will be May 1.
- Special meeting on May 25 to vote on change to a PTO. Voting to disband PTA at end of school year. Next year will be Bowman PTO. Must notify Mass PTA about this.
- For the May meeting, Brandy will send out extra reminders. 13 must attend for a voting quorum.

##### **PTO Open Board Positions (at time of meeting)**

- Co-Treasurers 2021/22
- VP Membership 2021/22
- VP Events, Community 2021/22
- Other events and Positions:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rmKTySsvFCbD57giGB\\_6L76rN4bkhmIX5t8jHLbGnTg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rmKTySsvFCbD57giGB_6L76rN4bkhmIX5t8jHLbGnTg/edit?usp=sharing)
- Jenny will send out a dedicated email about open positions to try to solicit volunteers.

## **Updates on Fundraising, Programs, and Events**

- A special guest is coming to talk to 2-5 graders in June. Not much more will be said before this event.
- Passport to the World - This week – two events so far, both have gone really well and no glitches. Everyone was an active participant. Been so much fun to see participation from families and students. So much respect and positive feedback from everyone.
- Kids Run Fundraiser - June 3 is the potential date. Event during school day so everyone can participate. Will utilize MTK to run this. Considering and trying to have a cookout this day, Jenny is working with Whitson's to make it possible.
- Food Drive - April 5-16 – going on right now. Radha overseeing this. Partnering with Lex Interfaith Food Pantry to collect needed items. Assigned one item per grade based on needs identified by the pantry. Bin in front of office. Delivering items to pantry Friday before spring break.
- Virtual Bingo / Class Basket Raffle - Next week - Brandy will be MC, doing live drawings, 2 blocks of bingo games online, 5<sup>th</sup> graders lined up to be callers, costumes optional, about 45min-1hour. Fun disco playlist! \$4,405 collected so far, which is great for virtual. Usually about \$6K total with about \$2K raised on night of event.
- Teacher Appreciation Week - May 3-7 Brandy is overseeing this.
- Variety Show / Coffeehouse - May 14
- April 27 picture day K-4 and maybe 5<sup>th</sup> graders who missed

## **Other Business**

**8:30 PM – Adjourn**

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### **Upcoming Events:**

4/8/21 - Passport to the World Session 3  
4/15/21 - Virtual Bingo / Class Basket Raffle  
4/19-23 - April Vacation  
5/3-7 - Teacher Appreciation  
5/5/21 - PTA Meeting  
5/14/21 - Bowman Virtual Variety Show Coffeehouse  
5/25/21 - PTA/O Special Meeting  
6/3/21 – Kids Fun Run Fundraiser  
6/18/21 – Current Last day of school (if no more snow days)