

Bellaire PTO Meeting

September 2017 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the art classroom

Meeting called to order by Fern-Marie Dempsey

Attendance: Katie Bordner, Katie Spencer, Angie Lane, Fern-Marie Dempsey, Amanda Moore, Blythe Foreman, Kristi Focht, Christine Weidner, Sara Walker, Lisa Balog, Jaime Reibert, Katie Brenneman, Dvora Ebstein, Kerin Corcoran, Jennifer Nace, Michelle Baldwin, SallyLynn Kerstetter, Jacquelyn Maddox, Janelle Green, Jessica Shull, Polly Pluta, Melinda Mix, Tina Garman, Carol Smith, Jeff Bell, Sany Eberly, Alyne Windholz, Jessica Smith

Principal's Report: Jeff Bell

- Veterans' day concert- only morning performance at 9:30 am (unlike in the past, there was a morning and afternoon concert) Will let parents inside at 9:00 am. Friday, November 10, 2017. Will live stream the concert.
- Thank you to PTO for the new school sign out front!

Treasurer's Report: Amanda Moore

- overview of Treasurer report

New Business:

- Fundraising:
 - Fall Festival: games, crafts, rides on Saturday 10/14, 12-4 pm, will have sign up for volunteers
Silent auction, raffle- variety of items
Misenos and South Side Deli will be there for food
50 cents for a ticket, punch card for 25 tickets for \$10
Kids can earn tickets in school to play games
 - Giant A+ rewards- register our school with your Giant grocery store with your bonus card. Percentage of what you spent goes into our school account.
 - Box Tops- certain brands have a box top coupon attached to the item. Send in the box tops by the first Friday of the month. First collection October 6. There is also an app for Box Tops- you can scan the item and the receipt. You can double the rewards that go to Bellaire!
 - Color Run- will be fundraiser in the spring. No date set yet.
- PTO Insurance and Non-Profit Status:
 - PTO is currently working on becoming non-profit. Working with the school district

-PTO is currently looking to purchase insurance to cover the PTO and the board- to legitimize things to make a more efficient board. When we get a formal quote from the insurance company, we will have a membership vote.

- Spiritwear:

We will do a parent direct order from the company- Sept 18-22. There will be another spring order with different items. Orders will be in by Christmas. There will be opportunities to buy Bellaire products at Book Fair and the Fall Festival

- BookFair: October 2-6

Two days of preview day (Monday and Tuesday)- the kids will preview the books and send home a wish list. Wednesday and Thursday will be their shopping days- can send money in with child- in clearly labeled envelopes or bags. Highlight books off the wish list that you would like your child to purchase. **Volunteers needed, sign up will be sent out.** Fall Festival tickets will be given out on family night!

- Fall Teacher Luncheon/American Education Week: November 13-17, 2017

Each day there is a special item the students can bring in for their teacher, like flowers, candy, notes. On the Wednesday of the week, there is a luncheon for the teachers- soups, breads, and desserts. Flyer will be coming home close to that date. A sign-up for the luncheon will be sent out closer to date as well.

- After School Clubs:

-Running Club- sign ups sent out this past week, club is already full!

- Teacher Requests:

-Melinda Mix (ESL) – carpet square (\$75-\$100) and carpet tape (\$15) and wall mount pencil sharpener (\$10) **Unanimous vote to approve.**

-Mrs. Petty (Kindergarten)- 7 classroom headphones (132.65) – old headphones don't work because don't fit around iPad case. **Per Angie Lane, the iPad case can be fixed to accommodate the old headphones**

-Mrs. Renninger (Kindergarten)- pieces to fix the letter machine – reimburse \$39.20. **Mr. Bell declined and said this request will not be fulfilled.**

-Mrs. Alandar- tshirt for 4th/5th grade musical (138 students approx.- \$7-9/ tshirt = \$966-\$1242) **motion to try to find an alternative solution to help raise the funds- motioned by Katie Spencer, seconded by Amanda Moore. Unanimous vote.**

Party Planning:

- All volunteers need to have clearances. Go to district website and fill out- need 3 forms. Child abuse history certification, the PA State Police Request for Criminal Record Check, and FBI Criminal Background Check – only need the FBI Criminal check (\$25) if you haven't lived in PA for more than 10 years in a row. Need the verification form if you have lived in PA for more than 10 years.

- IF you don't have clearances, you can come in to have lunch with your child, be a secret reader, book fair volunteer, picture day helper. If you're alone with kids then you will need your clearances.
- parents plan the classroom parties for the year (5th grade combines the three classes for one big party in the gym)
Halloween Party: Tuesday, Oct 31, 2-3 pm

Holiday Party: Friday, December 22, 2-3 pm

Spring Party: Tuesday, March 27, 2-3 pm
- School will need to know the leads for the classroom parties a week before the party. Email Mrs. Shoemaker.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm

Minutes compiled by Blythe Foreman