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BIRCH LANE PTA

Executive/General Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, April 8, 2022

PTA General Membership Meeting

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Time: 9:45 am

Place: Birch Lane General Purpose Room

Heather Callahan, President

- Meeting called to order at 9:50
- A quorum was not present

Budget Presentation: Mr. Conboy and Ms. Silveri
District Budget was presented

Building Report: Mr. Aspetti

New York State ELA test for grades 3-5 is complete

The New York State Math Assessment is April 26-27

Spring parties are next week

We wish everyone a good vacation!

The Magic is Real Arts and Education program is coming soon

InView testing for Grade 2 will take place the week of May 2nd. Letters have been sent home.

Staff Appreciation is the week of May 2nd

Upcoming Field Trips: Kindergarten - Massapequa Library, 1st Grade- Tackapausha, 3rd Grade - Fish

Hatchery, 5th Grade - Project Adventure

Kindergarten Orientation is May 12th for parents only. The students' orientation will be held in September.

Question was asked about instruments for 4th graders. Response: Teachers will show the students the instruments and how they work towards the end of the year.

President's Report: Heather Callahan

The minutes for March 15, 2022 were approved as presented

Thank You:

Boosterthon (Stephanie Gentile), Birch Twig/Website (Jennifer Saporita), Boys Bash (Elizabeth Edelbach), Bulletin Board Committee (Stacey Sandurs, Kristen Larmann), Spirit Wear (Christine Fahey, Kim Rumberg)

Correspondance: Kiri Spillane
No Correspondance

Treasurer's Report: Marianna Somers *Presented by Heather Callahan*
The current checking account balance is \$64,260.35

Expenses:

Book Fair: \$11,320.00
Ice Skating Event: \$1,012.00
Boys Bash: \$440.00
Little Ladies Dance: \$800.00

Income:

Boosterthon: \$29,700.00
Ice Skating Event: \$1,155.00
Boys Bash: \$4,705.00

Membership Update:

489 members

The statement for March was reconciled by Lauren Carollo.

SEPTA Report: Anthony Prizzi *Presented by Heather Callahan*

The next SEPTA meeting is Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00 pm at the McKenna Senior Center. There will be a budget presentation and elections for the SEPTA Executive Board. There will be an adult fundraiser on May 12th at Governor's Comedy Club at 8:00 pm.

BOE Report: Stephanie Iannuzzi

March 17 Meeting

Budget Presentation 3 - Tax Levy and Total Budget

April 7: BOE Adopts the Budget

May 5: Budget Hearing

May 17: Budget Vote

Updates from the Board

The Athletes Helping Athletes program will include one varsity athlete per sport doing various activities to give back to the community and the District. They are hoping to start in September.

The Student Advisory Committee made their presentations in the elementary schools regarding using social media responsibly.

Talked about the importance of addressing concerns with teachers in the proper way as opposed to addressing concerns on social media.

April 7 Meeting

Recognition of Winter Nassau County Champions

Mrs. Haanraadts led the Elementary program review focusing on Board Goals 1 and 3. Goal 1: Social and Emotional Learning and Goal 3: Curriculum Instruction and Technology.

Discussed the Elementary Curricular Goals: Focus on student work to determine needs and next steps, use materials and resources to differentiate instruction in Math and English Language Arts, revise coaching cycles to create predictable support structure, alternating between math and literacy, target professional development on student needs, identify and implement RTI Tier 1 interventions for classroom teachers, and return to proven instructional strategies that may have been adjusted for Covid.

There were presentations in mathematics and literacy.

Discussed a Middle School Competitive Cheerleading Team. In the Middle School cheerleading is currently a club. There are several concerns about making cheerleading a team: physical space for practices, finding a club advisor, it would be \$29,000 to start the program, balancing male and female programs and compliance, and Saturday competitions. Ms. McEntee recommends more analysis because of the financial piece.

The 2022-2023 Budget was adopted.

The Student Advisory Committee is working on parent presentation regarding social media awareness and responsibility. The presentation will take place on April 25th.

Little Ladies Dance: *Presented by Amy MacLeod*

Tickets on Sale on CheddarUp through April 11th. Everyone needs a ticket. They are looking forward to a great night.

End of Year Carnival: *Christine Rose Presented by Amy MacLeod*

Plans are underway for the first End of the Year Carnival, which will take place on June 16th from 4:30-6:30 pm. All are welcome.

Boys Bash: Elizabeth Edelbach

Birch Lane PTA successfully hosted our annual Birch Boys Bash for the first time since 2019 on Saturday, March 26th at Long Island Sports Hub in Syosset. There were two sessions and included games like soccer, hockey, dodgeball, and relay races. Refreshments were served. Everyone had a great time.

Health and Wellness: Lauren Carollo

Decorating the Beacon Street fence starting Wednesday, April 13th with the phrase "We Rise by Lifting Others".

Volunteers are needed to help.

STEAM Night: Jennifer Maher and Nikki Daku *Presented by Amy Macleod*

There are two sessions May 3rd and May 10th from 5:00-8:00 pm at United Skates.

Tickets on sale at CheddarUp. All are required to purchase tickets for admission. Student tickets include one hour of a STEM program, pizza, and drink and two hours of skating. Parent tickets are \$5 and include pizza and a drink. If parents want to skate, the ticket price is \$16.

Plant Sale: Marie Drexler *Presented by Vicki Abbinanti*

There will be a pre-order sale for larger items. Pre-order forms are due by April 12th.
The in-person sale will be on May 5th and 6th. Flyers will go out next Monday or Tuesday.

Spirit Wear: Christine Fahey and Kim Rumberg *Presented by Stephanie Iannuzzi*

Preparations are underway for the incoming kindergarten store.
All students at Birch Lane have Field Day shirts from the Spring Fundraiser.

Supply Kits: Kristen Wright *Presented by Heather Callahan*

Order date is April 22nd

Reports from Teachers: Miss Downey

Kindergarten

Literacy - Reading poetry and reading sentences
Math - counting to 100 by 10s and 1s
Science - Earth Day and Spring
Finishing up How To books and learning about personal narratives

First grade

Publishing How To books
Learning about text features in nonfiction
Math - how to tell time to the hour and half hour and about coins
Social Studies - students are learning about our community and community helpers; the difference between needs and wants

Second Grade

Math - measurement unit, units of length
Letter Writing unit – formal and informal letters
Science – enjoying visits with Ms. Downey and exploring about the Earth’s surface

Third Grade

Literary essays will soon be published
Math - fractions and measurement
Social Studies – learning about Mexico
Spanish - learning about colors

Fourth Grade

Math - Geometry
Science - Matter
Social Studies - Revolution
Project Adventure trip in May

Fifth Grade

Metric and standard units in measure
Science - ecosystems unit and the solar system
Reading *Tuck Everlasting* and *Number the Stars*
Learning how to write a literary essay
Enjoyed their trip to Commerce Plaza

Questions:

Question asked about the 5th grade end of the year activities.

Response: This is the purview of the 5th grade committee.

Upcoming Events:

May

May 2-6: Staff Appreciation Week

May 5 and 6: Plant Sale

May 5: BOE Meeting 8:00 pm

May 10: Officer Galvin (4th and 5th grades)

May 13: General Membership Meeting

May 17: School Budget Vote

June

June 1: General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm

June 3: BOE Meeting 8:00 pm

June 10: Field Day (rain date June 13)

June 16: BOE Meeting 8:00

June 24: Last Day of School