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Massapequa Park, NY 11762

BIRCH LANE PTA

Executive/General Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022

PTA General Membership Meeting

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Time: 6:45 pm

Place: Birch Lane General Purpose Room

Heather Callahan, President

- Meeting called to order at 6:47pm
- A quorum was present

President's Report:

The minutes from February 15, 2022 were approved as presented

Thank You:

Blood Drive (Stephanie Gentile), Book Fair Committee (Ellen Voutsinas), Birch Twig/Website (Jennifer Saporita), PARP (Gracemarie Rozea), Reflections (Jenni Mignone), Bulletin Board Committee (Stacey Sandurs, Kristen Larmann), Spirit Wear (Christine Fahey, Kim Rumberg), Ice Skating (Katie McCauley, Danielle Polito)

Correspondence – Kiri Spillane

No Correspondence

Treasurer Report – Marianna Somers

The current checking account balance is \$42,599.52

Expenses:

Membership State Dues: \$133.00

PARP: \$530.00

Reflections: \$305.00

Red Ribbon Week: \$240.00

5th Grade Shirts: \$1,160.00

Income:

Holiday Fair Rebate Check: \$250.00

Fall Spiritwear: \$2,180.00

Book Fair: \$10,400.00

Membership: \$158.00

Boosterthon: \$515.00

Earnings this year:

Fall Plant Sale: \$2300.00

Membership: \$2500.00

Fall Spiritwear: \$2200.00

Give Backs:

Red Ribbon Week bracelets: \$240.00

Book Fair (\$2.00 per student): \$1400.00

Planners: \$1400.00

PARP: Redeemed \$5200.00 Scholastic dollars for student books

Staff Luncheons: \$2,000.00

Anticipated Expenses:

Arts and Education Programs

Beacon Street Fence

Field Day

Scholarships

Membership Update:

487 members

Septa Report – Anthony Prizzi *Presented by Heather Callahan*

The next SEPTA meeting is Wednesday, March 16th at 7pm in the McKenna Senior Center.

There was an adult based fundraising event on March 12th at Governor's Comedy Club.

Nominations are open for those interested in serving on Septa. Please see the website for info.

Various school spirit items are available on the website as well.

Curriculum Report – Leah Weissinger

A Zoom meeting was held

Heads of curriculum for elementary schools will meet on April 11 with Dr. Fasano

BOE Report – Stephanie Iannuzzi

From the meeting on March 3rd

Introduced the new Superintendent Dr. William Brennan effective July 2022

Budget Presentation 2-Instructional Budget

Mr. Conboy will discuss the budget at our next meeting in April

March 17th Budget Workshop 3 Tax Levy and Total Budget

April 7th BOE will adopt the Budget

May 5th Budget Hearing

May 17th Budget Vote

Updates from the Board

Talked about student advisory meeting and HS students will be coming to Birch Lane this week to talk about using social media responsibly
Preparing for parent presentations

Bylaws Committee

Leslie Dowl
Gracemarie Rozea
Amy MacLeod

Nominating Committee Report – Marianna Somers

The following names placed in nomination to serve as officers for 2022-2023 school year:

President – Amy MacLeod
1st Vice President – Christine Rose
Vice President Ways and Means – Jennifer Mignone
Treasurer – Lauren Carollo
Secretary – Stephanie Iannuzzi

No intent to run notices received

Election –

Amy MacLeod elected for the office of President
Christine Rose elected for the office of 1st Vice President
Jennifer Mignone elected for the office of VP Ways and Means
Lauren Carollo elected for the office of Treasurer
Stephanie Iannuzzi elected for the office of Secretary

Arts in Education – Kiri Spillane

Having our third Arts in Ed Program, Bash the Trash, tomorrow for First Graders
Books are Magic for Kindergarten and Second Grade in April
We've already had Journeys for 4th grade and Storytelling for 3rd and 5th Grades
Budget for program is \$15,000.00

Little Ladies Dance – Stephanie Gentile/Jennifer McCrystal

Little Ladies Dance is scheduled for April 29th at Berner Middle School. The theme will be "Ties and Tiaras". Preparations are underway.

Boys Bash – Elizabeth Edelbach (presented by Stephanie Iannuzzi)

Birch Boys Bash will be on Saturday March 26th with two sessions from 4-5:30pm and 6-7:30pm. Ticket sales run until March 20th or until they are sold out.

Health and Wellness – Lauren Carollo

Plans to decorate the Beach Street side of the fence with a positive wellness message. A survey for families to vote on the message is coming soon.

Field Day – Christine Monahan

Field Day is scheduled for June 10th all day with a rain date of June 13th. Preparations are underway. The DJ is booked.

Beautification – Christina Monahan

We will be putting painted rocks and a reading area with benches in the kindergarten area. Also planning to decorate the bathroom stalls with encouraging/positive messages.

Reflections – Jenni Mignone

3 students moved on to the State Level

Next year's theme will be "Show Your Voice"

STEAM Night – Jennifer Maher and Nikki Daku

Plans are underway for a STEAM night in May. Investigating different options to provide the best experience while accommodating the most students as possible.

Plant Sale – Marie Drexler (presented by Stephanie Iannuzzi)

Spring Plant Sale will be in person on May 5th and May 6th

There will be a pre-sale option for larger items

Picture Day – Elizabeth Edelbach

Picture Day was a great success; Patken was great to work with and we look forward to working with them at the Little Ladies Dance and again in the fall.

Family Fun Proposal – Christine Rose and Katie McCauley

Motion made by Christine Rose for approval to begin investigating a new end-of-the-year family picnic event for Thursday, June 16th. An email will be sent later this week looking for volunteers; please reply if you're interested in helping. Motion approved.

Boosterthon – Stephanie Gentile

Donation links will be kept open until the end of the week to help us reach our goal. The students are enjoying Dance Fit in their PE classes this week.

Spirit Wear – Christine Fahey/Kim Rumberg

Field Day T-shirts are available this year (different colors per grade). Approximately 95% of the students have ordered. Class parents can purchase shirts. The sale is going on until March 17th.

Supply Kits – Kristen Wright

Updated supply lists were sent and flyers will be distributed. The deadline to order is April 13th and kits will be delivered to the school. The sale starts on Monday, March 22nd and will run for one month. They will be delivered to the school on June 5th and will go home with the students the following week.

Reports from Teachers – Miss Reedy and Miss Downey

Kindergarten:

Using background knowledge for reading non-fiction texts
Reading non-fiction books independently
Selecting How-To pieces to be edited and published
Math – understanding teen numbers
Participating in St. Patrick's Day-themed activities
Look forward to upcoming field trip to the Central Avenue Library

First Grade:

Celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday
Non-fiction reading/writing unit
All About books learning about text features and author's crafts
Exploring place value to show tens and ones
Counting by 10s on a 120-chart
Coins and money in upcoming unit

Second Grade:

Looking forward to the High School Heroes Program on March 25th
Students looking forward to their field Trip to Old Bethpage Restoration Museum on May 20th

Third Grade:

Literacy - reading a variety of stories
Learning how to write literary essays
Math - unit study on fractions; multiplication facts
Science - motion and how different forces affect
Too Good for Drugs program - students learned strategies to avoid peer pressure
Spanish classes

Fourth Grade:

Writing literary essays
Fraction unit in math
Social studies - American Revolution
Enjoying Enrichment

Fifth Grade:

Math - Unit 3 and preparing for exam on multiplying/dividing fractions
Science – learning about energy, matter and ecosystems
Olympics engineering in Enrichment
Social studies – exploration and its effect on the Western Hemisphere
Trip to commerce plaza at the end of the month
ELA biographies
5th Grade teachers and students expressed thanks to the PTA

Reports from Administration – Mr. Aspetti and Mrs. Larkin

Expressed thanks to the PTA and look forward to getting back to normal

Expressed thanks to all the parents for participating and the generosity in the Ukraine supply drive which ends on Friday, March 18th

Building News

Dance Off is this week and students are really enjoying it!

Bash the Trash program will be tomorrow for First Graders

Commerce Plaza will be next week for 5th Graders

New swing set will be installed this week

State testing coming up

Opt-Out requests will be done on the parent portal until Friday, March 18th

ELA computer based March 30-31

Math test paper based April 26th and April 27th

Advanced concert April 4th at MHS at 7pm

Spring parties and spring break coming up

Question asked about the ideas that were discussed at the Curriculum meeting

Response: Discussed I-Ready, literacy programs, and technology

Teacher Appreciation is the first week in May. An email will be sent soon with ideas for teacher gifts.

Upcoming Events:

MARCH

March 17 – BOE Meeting 8pm Board Room

March 26 – Boys Bash

March 31 – Supply Kit Sale Ends

APRIL

April 7 – BOE Meeting 8pm Board Room

April 8 – General Membership Meeting 9:45am with Mr. Conboy to present the proposed budget

April 15 – April 22 – Spring Recess

April 27 – Meet the Candidates Night 7:30pm MHS

April 29 – Little Ladies Dance 7:30-9:30pm Berner

Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm