

BARNSTABLE UNITED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PTA MINUTES  
APRIL 8, 2014

Introductions around the room. Many new faces. 15 in attendance.

-Minutes were accepted from March meeting

-MCASS update. 100% return. PARCC-mini test in house testing to happen soon. It is a trial of the infrastructure of the test i.e. technology and computer use. April 15th is the meeting for the 4 trial classes.

This week:

Cape Cod symphony- a mini music program comes to the school

Field trips: 4th grade --> Boston Museum of Science

5th grade --> Wellfleet

4th Grade update:

- MCAS long composition is completed.
- Book fair this week. Children are writing a preference list.
- Museum of Science, 1/2 classes have gone. Great day.
- Plants , science is focusing on the life cycle through the end of the year. Reminded teachers to use the boxes from Meadow Farms
- Math MCAS is in May

5th Grade update:

- ELA MCAS completed and all feel successful
- PARCC test trail - the kids are really into it.
- ELA - 5th gr. expository writing is the current focus.
- BHS students will be coming in for a poetry slam / club.
- Social Studies- Revolutionary War ---> constitution.
- Science- Sound stations, energy
- Math - Fractions and operations.

Treasures Report

-Cobb fund is subsidized by the PTA for Museum of Science, voted and accepted.

SAC

- Principal search is to be presented to the staff.
- Mary Sullivan from Lawrence is the candidate.
- School committee needs to accept

Year Book Committee:

- Orders are complete.
- Guidance department will help provide a list of children with financial needs to provide books.
- non-pre ordered needs 30-40 books for purchase at lunch time.

Teacher Stipends:

- \$100 gift Visa cards given to HE and SE teachers. Other teachers were emailed to let them know to approach PTA for requests with need.

### Courtyard Update:

- Amy is assisting tot get it started
- Name and logo are done
- Mike Gyra / Astropark at BHS is guiding.
  - Volunteers are available
  - National Honors Society is assisting May 3 and 4
  - Director of facilities will oversee moving earth as needed.
- Town will put in a drain
- Early fall- DeMello landscapers will progress with a low maintenance , no moisture plan.

PTA update - trying to get 3rd grade contacts involved with transition planning.

### Book Fair

- Monday - Thursday this week
- Summer reading list was chosen from a list sent home to parents for a gifted book.
- \$2 coupon for colored poster. \$5 for the winner
- Day 1 intake \$7700
- All for books program -Scholastic Fund Raiser donation box = \$2100

### Fund Raising

- This year : Meadow Farms with incentives 40% return, Walk-A-Ton 100% profit
- Next year? use Survey Monkey?

### Planning

- Increase community activity
- Outdoor movie equipment ~\$2500 (12' screen, speakers and projector)

### 5th grade health video reviewed to all interested

- separated by boy/ girl
- Human growth and development
- "Just Around the Corner" movie uses animation for the more "graphic" portions.
- Parents may omit by calling the school.