

BUES PTA Minutes - 3/11/14

Secretary's Report:

February Minutes approved; motion by Jenn Brann; seconded by Suzie Andiel; unanimous approval.

Principal's Report:

PARCC testing - two fourth and two fifth grade classes to take at end of May/beginning of June Letter posted on website for parents; informational night 4/15 for Q&A. PTA asked to provide something special for those 4 classes (similar to MCAS snacks).

MCAS next week - Rosemary will do an all call to remind families about good rest and breakfast. Schedule posted on website

Courtyard Contest - Unity Park won the naming contest. Appropriate as our school is the first to unite the whole district. Compass Rose symbol with sending elementary schools names 3/14, Friday - half day inservice. Common Core unit work focus

Report cards will now go home Friday, 3/21. Due to snow days taking away from the 60 day semester.

Rosemary visiting elementary schools in April to have a Q&A with incoming grade 3 parents. BWB and Centerville in April, waiting on HyWest and WVES.

Teacher's Report:

Grade 5: Oona Melanson & Sue Nunes

Working on format and language of this year's MCAS ELA. Examining previous tests to see what a 4, 3, 2, 1, 0 looks like to help them prepare for the test. Suggests looking online at home at previous tests as well. Differentiating Non-Fiction vs. Fiction, reading introductions/directions carefully to help answer the questions correctly. Social Studies working on 13 colonies and heading into American Revolution. Math finishing up decimal division and starting fractions (encourage parents to work on real world fractions at home as it's very heavy in the curriculum this year) Science working on energy (electricity and potential & kinetic).

Grade 4: Dennis Moynihan

Focus on MCAS in March; Long Comp & ELA. Long Comp will take most of the school day for many children. Monday, 3/17 will be "bubble day" to get the test info entered. ELA reading and comprehension with multiple choice and open response. Report cards coming out soon.

Regular curriculum picks back up. Science unit on plants finishing up, Social Studies moving into mid-west and western region. Museum of Science trip during the second week of April (8, 9, 10). Each class gets 4 parent chaperones (mostly covered by Cobb fund, PTA covered extra cost of transportation).

Treasurer's Report: motion to approve by Jennifer Mullin; second by Terri Edwards; unanimous approval.

See attached report

Highlights - almost \$6000 from Stop & Shop bucks

Box Tops - submitted, waiting on funds. Next collection will go towards next year.

Yearbook - forms coming in; may need to resend order form

Skate Night - less than \$1000; approximately 300 attendees

SAC: principal search complete. Dr. Mary has two names and will conduct a second interview and site visit

Staff Room Delights: next one Wed 3/19, Green theme. Sign up genius sent out via email.

Yearbook: order forms coming in, lovelines and ads coming in as well.

Teacher stipends: need final count of classroom & sp.ed teachers. Draft a letter for other teachers to come to PTA if there is a need in their class. Rosemary getting exact number, should be around 50-55 staff. We will present at next staff meeting along with info to other teachers not getting a gift card.

Skate Night: came together quickly - in just 3 days. Well received, well attended, definitely do this again. Kids talking about it positively at school.

BUES in Motion: just started Tues 3/11. Run at BUES via Rec Dept for 6 weeks, cost \$20 - Mr. Cartocci supervising. 16 kids today. Lots of physical activity and a healthy breakfast. Kids had fun and were exhausted. Still room to sign up - encourage people to car pool. School nurse participated as well - some teachers walking laps in the morning as well.

PTA Board for 2014-2015: attending elementary PTA meetings to encourage participation when they come here. Ideas to increase attendance: snacks, different time, provide dinner/pizza from 5:30-6, meeting from 6-7; All calls prior to the meeting to remind parents.

Will ask for incoming parents to consider serving on the board.

April Can Drive: April 1 - 30th BUES has the redemption trailer at the dump. Generally make \$4000; encourage people to bring their cans/bottles during April to the dump for BUES. Dump open 7 days 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - shifts available via sign up genius.

Book Fair: Monday, April 7th - Friday, April 11th

Fiesta Night Tuesday, April 8th from 5:30-7 (chips and salsa, parents can browse books, PTA meeting after)

Kids art contest for flier design

Can we get Summer reading lists to have available for parents to view? Allow parents to choose a book from the summer list - Rosemary looking into.

PTA to pay for 1 book for each student - would like it to be from the summer reading list if we can get it in time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.