

BUES PTA Meeting Tuesday, 2/11

7 p.m. meeting called to order by Jenn Brann

Courtyard Update: David Kanyock

It's been a year and a half of removing the pond and subsequent clean up of courtyard. 100-150 yards of additional material still to come out. Moisture problems due to water features being up against the walls of the building. Need to dig down 8 inches or so and put stone on the border to facilitate drainage (drains have been inspected and are in working order). Difficult to get town work crews into the courtyard; access is through main lobby - only a mini-excavator can fit through doors. Used wheelbarrow brigades to move material out. Would like to keep replacement materials to mortar and stone. A raised bed garden would be okay, but long term maintenance of landscaping is too difficult. Trying to model this courtyard project after astro park at BHS is the goal (minus the grass) - goal is for low maintenance. Other ideas - labyrinth or rock garden, healing garden, etc. Rob DeMelo and Andrea Wood offered to help as well as facilitate communication between committee and parents.

Functionality of stage for use by classes for presentations, skits, etc

Picnic tables for outside class work, lunch, etc

Name & logo chosen; will be announced soon.

Donation boards will be posted to thank sponsors.

(side note - roof being put on BUES this summer; so no work should be done prior to fall)

Secretary's Report - postponed to March

Principal's Report: Rosemary Williams

Nancy Brunswick retires Friday, 2/14/14 Health/PE. She ran the First Tee program, looking into continuing, but be modified - a work in progress. Transitions for next year are beginning, budget not finalized, new mandates regarding ELL certification for all homeroom teachers. 2 protest letters regarding breakfast & lunch changes from students (lower sugar cereals and no ice cream). School may try to offer tastings of meal choices by the Food Services company to try to involve students in the process.

MCAS and PARCC approaching; state still lagging on a decision between MCAS and PARCC - we have 4 classes slated to take the PARCC in June - no results given for this as it's for information gathering purposes.

Emails going out to gr 3 principals to talk to gr 3 parents at each elementary schools.

Ask principals to all call only gr 3 parents inviting them to the meeting.

Invite gr 3 parents to the BUES PTA meeting in April (during book fair)

Andrea Wood - charter

Jenn Mullin - BWB

Terri Edwards - WVES

Teacher's Report:

Focusing on changes in curriculum; working towards better writers, better readers, better mathematicians. Rocks and minerals, weather, southern US geography, novels

Gr 4 - Christine Pratt-Gorill

Immigration presentation was well received by kids, April 8, 9, 10 Museum of Science trip. Will PTA cover busing to Meetinghouse Farm.

Geography Game Show - 2 or 3 shows over 2 days for \$2000. June 9th and 12th proposed.

Kite Making - question about whether it will go?

Gr 5 - Bonnie Schulman

Mid-year writing prompts, SRI mid-year for reading comprehension; two weeks after vacation is end of the marking period/report cards come home. Teachers working together to align curriculum to common core. American Revolution this spring; finishing realistic fiction, moving into non-fiction, energy in science.

Heritage came here last year, with artifacts for gr 5 and plants for gr 4 - Andrea Wood will get in touch with museum to follow up with a visit for this year.

Grade 5 Field Trips:

Bay Colony Educators - up in the air. Will find a teacher to coordinate

Historical Society/Tales of Cape Cod

Eyes on Owls

Wellfleet Bay Audubon

Osterville Historical Society - didn't happen in the fall, probably can't fit in this spring with testing and other field trips.

Recreation program - Natural Resources presentation at HYCC

Treasurer's Report: Jenn Brann

See attached

Motion to accept treasurer's report Jenn Mullin; Second by Terri Edwards. Unanimous approval.

Old Business:

SAC - no report; update in March

Staff Room Delights - tomorrow, 2/12. Valentine's Theme

Yearbook Committee - cover selected; no response from most committee members.

Need to vote to use ad money to cover additional \$4 expense for color yearbook.

Motion to approve \$4 subsidy per yearbook purchased made by Jenn Brann, Second Andrea Wood, all in favor.

Teacher Stipend - Motion to approve \$100 to homeroom and special education teachers; extend an open invitation to other teachers with a specific need to come to a PTA meeting to request for that need by Jennifer Mullin; Second by Allanah Bodah-Hardy; all in favor. Rosemary checking with Dr. C.

March School Event: Skating Rink - Saturday, March 1 from 5:30-7:30. Calling Casual Gourmet for possible donation of hot chocolate coupon (Mary Lyons?). Cost \$3 - PTA covering.

Questions to George: skate guards, use of crates.

Motion to approve a \$1000 expenditure for Skate Night by Jenn Brann

Second by Jennifer Mullin; all in favor.

New Business:

Field Trip Expenses: Rosemary requested \$979 to cover the difference between the cost of field trips and Cobb Fund disbursement). Motion to approve by Jennifer Mullin; second by Jennifer Brann; all in favor.

Box Tops: contest with deadline of Feb 25th

Wellness Program: to start the week before MCAS, 7:15 a.m. drop off on Tues & Thurs. additional gym class and bring a healthy breakfast (starting March 11th for 6 weeks). Hoping to offer smoothies - working with District Nurse on this. Hoping to run in conjunction with Rec Dept. Volunteers needed - Jenn Brann contact person. Registration begins March 3. Rod Cartocci (BUES PE/Health teacher) will coordinate with parent volunteers. Must have 15 students to run.

MCAS snacks: volunteers needed Mon 3/17 and Mon 3/24 - PTA purchases the snacks (fruit - bananas, apples, and oranges). Volunteers to break it down into class numbers and deliver to classroom. Needs 5 volunteers those afternoons

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.