

BARNSTABLE UNITED PTA

JANUARY 2014

Approved prior minutes.

Approved treasury report.

Teacher Stipend- Currently W.B.Mason stipend is given and PTA would like to donate additional Visa cards to be given in gratitude to staff. 36 classroom teachers , + enrichment and special ed. 1010 staff members. Cape Cod 5 may be able to provide that many cards.

Rink Night- A night at BYHA would consist of 2 hours skate. A head count would be needed. Contact George Noonan at the rink to arrange. Prefer an early evening. Head count needed and would like to cover the cost of skates and hot chocolate.

Staff Delight- January was hot soups. Next event Feb 5th.

Movie Night Event-

Consider an alternative to gymnasium. Perhaps a spring picnic on the town green.

Can Drop- 2 days trial. The first was a bad weather day and not promote. The 2nd was an impromptu drop and collected \$40. It was a curbside drop at the school then redeemed in Mashpee. Would the Saturday after SuperBowl be profitable,2/8/14.

Wellness Program- Both school nurses attended to discuss the Wellness policy to promote overall wellness in the school and encourage carryover into other events. Try to avoid food based incentives, encourage activity. It is meant to optimize the Joselin Clinic philosophy of O.W.L. (Optimal Weight for Life).

Courtyard- Amy Clark, Tara Ewald and Mike Gyra are working on the Quad Program. Currently clean up is the focus. Drainage needs to be improved. Main St Learning is ending and it was discussed funding towards a grow house, or a performance stage or a labyrinth in that area.

PRINCIPAL REPORT- ROSEMARY WILLIAMS

Addressed the PTA to ask to incorporate the incoming parents into our planning.

Collection of PTA contacts for a united meeting in the spring to allow Q & A for incoming parents. Reminded parents that the gymnasium seats just enough for the students and that is why the school performances need to be limited to student only time with parents program in the evening. MCAS - PARK test site- 2015 BUES will be a project test site in a random selection of schools. PARK is in 26 states, a 4 hour test to work towards appropriate standardized testing. Also, the National Science Standards have been drifted by the states and are completed.

4TH GRADE - MRS HAZARD

Go Math - tutorials are available at MegaMath. A rep will be present in February for website upgrade. Go Math is a multi-approach program to give a "tool belt" of strategies for students to solve problems with. If your child is struggling, have the child try to teach you, the parent the strategies as they are different from traditional sets. Or, ask your teacher if you can attend a math lesson.

Inc school field trip this month- Promise Land and the school concert. Additionally, the 1/2 year switch between health and Spanish is next month (Feb)

5TH GRADE - MRS. EWALD

Very enjoyable month as they are studying the history of the 13 colonies in a hands on role play through the Revolutionary War. Students completed their egg drops last week too.

TREASURES REPORT REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED

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