

BUES PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: October 11, 2016

In Attendance: 13 parents, PTA Board, Principal & 1 teacher

Voted on Board: Brienne Snyder & Denise Harris voted in as Co-Vice Presidents

Principal's report: Mary Sullivan

- Update on birthday celebration, teachers have come up with alternative ways to celebrate without food. First Thumbs Up assembly held last Friday for character trait "respect" with tech-y display that the kids enjoyed.
- Kindness rocks project moving along, parents helping out. It has become an inspirational place for kids lately, especially dealing with the recent clown incidents. Hats off to the counselors who really helped with that situation.
- Teachers working very hard on new reading curriculum.

4th Grade report: Kristina Hazard

- "Reach for Reading" program with National Geographic for both grades. Lots of material to choose from. Math – Numeration, place value, order of operations
- Science - Rocks & Minerals
- Social Studies – U.S. Regions

5th Grade Report: Kristina Hazard

- Math – wrapping up Chapter 1, online "Think Central" offers assistance
- Social Studies – exploration, immigration.
- Science - Earth location in Solar System, moon phases

Music: Laura Gill (chorus) John Furtado (band)

- 4th grade chorus over 200 students, 5th grade 189...Need 3-4 risers for chorus before concert!! PTA voted to pay for risers while music dept is waiting to hear results of grants applied for.
- Flyers sent home for 5th grade Barnstable red polo orders for \$10. The 4th grade students wear black & white.
- Winter concerts are Dec 20th for 5th grade and Dec 19th for 4th grade
- Band...Need music instrument donations please!

Treasury/Budget: Next month

Updates:

- Renee Dedecko: election day (Nov. 8) PTA bake sale Signup Genius and Stop & Shop number collection
- Courtyard update next month
- Book Fair moving along, co-chairs meeting next week
- First Box Top collection ends Oct 26th

- Meadow Farms: Biggest year yet....raised about \$28,000, school gets about 40% of that. About 297 students participated. Online orders processed faster, some already arriving. iPad drawing on Thursday, one winner for 4th & one for 5th
- Yearbook: Collecting yearbook ads until Dec. 2. Anything submitted electronically send directly to yearbook chair at buesyearbook@gmail.com, also any questions. Going to hand out a camera for a couple days at a time to each homeroom over the next few months, so that the kids will have opportunities to take pictures of their own classes and activities to submit to the yearbook.

New business:

- Halloween dance: Oct 28th 6:30-8:30 p.m. Family event, not drop off. Costumes welcome, but not required. Kids only in costumes please, no adult in costume. Volunteers needed, go to sign up genius. Look into canned food drive.
- Bri Snyder: School advisory council, average 4th grade class size is 26 students (458 total 4th) Data board collecting info on class size and learning. Asking parents to write letters to superintendent for more support, increase in staff.

Thank you for coming!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, **November 15th at 6:00 pm**
(Childcare provided)

Email us at buespta@gmail.com with any questions or ideas