

# BUES PTA Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Sept. 27, 2016

**In Attendance:** 40 parents, PTA Board, Principal, 2 Vice Principals & 4 teachers

**Voted on Board:** Maurene DeFalco voted in as treasurer

**Principal's report:** Mary Sullivan

- Everyone is off to great start.
- Looking for school advisory council, consists of 3-4 parents, 3-4 teachers, principal, & one community person to discuss school improvement plan; reach MCAS goals; get info on website. Meet from 4-5pm second Tuesday of the month (same as PTA meeting night), open to public to attend.
- Wellness Policy – Snack situation ok, concern is around celebrations. Only source for the food in school district is Aramark. Parents cannot place order themselves. Principal, admin asst., & teacher can place orders. Suggestions made: birthday celebration each month, possible letter to parents asking for “HR mother” for each class, no food at all & extra recess.

**Vice Principal:** Valerie Smith

Need someone to spearhead “Door Prizes” gifts for our BUES teachers

\*\*Brienne Schneider offered\*\*

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade report:** Christine Pratt-Gorrill

Reach for Reading started, Immigration in Social Studies, Place value in math, & earth science

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Report:** Bonnie Shulman & Sue Nunes

Stressing math facts, GoMath website to help re-inforce what they are learning in class. Place value, multiplication, expressions, decimals, & other new concepts coming. Science: scientific method, earth & solar system, MCAS testing in 5<sup>th</sup> science this year, matter, energy, ecology.

ELA; New reading program; provide resources for common core consistency, online access, meet the needs of ESL students. Social Studies; review of geography, discovering America's

**Librarian:** Jess Linehan

Book fair, need parent volunteers to help coordinate, chairperson, tentative date Dec 1-9.

**Treasury/Budget:** Next meeting

**Fundraisers:**

*Stop & Shop:* Easiest fundraiser, get numbers from everyone you can. Table will be set up election day to collect numbers. Raised \$20,000 last year!

*Box Tops:* Christina Hazard, 50 on a sheet, get \$5 for school. Class with the most get to vote on party, student who collects the most gets stuffed goody bag. October 26<sup>th</sup> is first collection.

*Meadow Farms:* Renee Dedecko, for every 10 items they sell, the kids are entered into a contest for an iPad, online orders, ends Friday Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Yearbook:** Chrissy Benton

Need photographers to get pics at school events, business ads notice going home next week. Setting up yearbook only correspondence email. All questions etc. go to [buesyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:buesyearbook@gmail.com)

**New business:** Need chairperson to organize and choose dates for Halloween Dance and movie nights

**Thank you for coming!**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, **October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**  
(Childcare provided)

Email us at [buespta@gmail.com](mailto:buespta@gmail.com) with any questions or ideas