

BUES PTA February 10, 2015

Meeting commenced at 6:10pm. Board members present: Jenn Brann, Terri Edwards and Tayna Duff  
February Minutes taken by Jen Maclachlan

January minutes were accepted

Principal's Report: 1) Principal noted that tentative items were approved on the budget. 2) Working on schedules: Tier I and Tier II. Has organized a committee to assist. 3) PARC testing: Shared two links on BUES web site showing test question examples for ELA and Math.

4th Grade Report by Christine Pratt Gorrill. 1) Recently reviewed PARC practice tests. Students will need a lot of attention to detail while taking PARC. 2) In March, 4th grade will focus on performance based assessment: Importance of reading the instructions and knowing there are multiple answers that seem right. 2) Museum of Science Boston came into BUES in conjunction with weather and states of matter studies. 3) Fruit baskets for PARC could maybe be spread out more

5th Grade Report: Bonnie Shulman 1) Go-Math pacing is in alignment with PARC testing 2) Writing is more challenging with timed tests. 5th grade is working on expository, narrative and opinion writing. There is an emphasis in PARC to integrate non-fiction. 3) Science is focusing on Energy 4) Social Studies: 13 colonies, American Revolution and birth of a new nation 5) Math: Fractions 6) Reading: Tornados 7) Inquiry about procuring wi-fi printers for use with ipads- more research required on the feasibility of this request before PTA can take it up as an action item

Treasurer's Report: Tayna Duff. Can drive earned \$3,963.91 and Stop and Shop earned \$12, 464.26!

Old Business: 1) January Staff Room Delights cancelled because of snow. February 25th is the next one.

2) Yearbook Committee: Please send photos in, deadline in April. Date TBA for next yearbook training 3) Another family skate night in March more info to follow 4) Family movie night: Friday February 27, 2015

New business: Teacher reps to reach out to other teachers for additional enrichment ideas: both in-house and field trips