

## **Berlin Elementary PTO Virtual Meeting – February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30**

**Present:** Tracy Kent, Elaine Smith, Amy Ovitt, Carrie Minkler, Melanie Arena, Rachel Turetsky, Matt Turetsky, Kasey Hannigan

### **Principal's Report**

- Mr. Dhara, the new Superintendent, has been visiting and getting to know BES
- PreK and Kindergarten registration has begun. Screening may be virtual again this year.
- February 12<sup>th</sup>, School Spirit Day, wear red to show your love for BES
- BES principal and teachers representing each grade level, along with Mr. Fred Hutchinson, Director of Curriculum, are reviewing different math programs and will be choosing a new one for future use at BES. Our current program, Envisions, was purchased in 2012. Districts generally update their program every 5-7 years. Our teachers and what they bring to the program are what really delivers the curriculum, but the district places a high value on looking at the research and outcomes of each program and evaluating what will be the best investment for our students moving forward.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- We deposited \$26.60 from Box Tops and \$160 towards yearbooks, earned \$10 in new School Banking accounts, and had \$545.13 in recent donations to Helping Hands.

-Earmarks

Helping Hands: \$3,525.79

Band: \$68

Enrichment/Character Ed: \$557.97

Drama: \$453.85

Science: 0

Library: \$4.25

Playground: \$297.88

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: \$.06

Ambassadors: 0

Checkbook Balance: \$4,725.82

There is almost \$500 outstanding in reimbursement checks from the canceled 2020 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip. We will start looking into contacting parents if the checks are not deposited soon, and we are grateful for any parents that are considering the un-cashed checks as a donation to the PTO.

### **Fundraising**

- We will be running a fundraiser through Kids Korner beginning after February break. Cheesecakes, chocolates, cookies, pastries. 40-50% profits will go to the PTO. Orders will be delivered to BES for immediate distribution in order to keep items frozen.

- Kettle Corn NYC. They will sell us bags at 50% off for 50 bag increments. They only need about a week notice. We may use this later in the year for a smaller in-school, or event fundraiser.

The Spring Book Fair, which is BOGO, will run June 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>. Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> is a half day. We will look into possibilities of allowing remote students or families to attend.