

PTO Meeting December 12, 2023

Attendance: Laurie Madsen, Courtney Sroka, Carrie Minkler, Kim Colleen, David Bernsley, Jodi Cataldo, Rachel Turetsky (late)

Last meeting f/u: Used scholastic dollars to put together a few donation items for the Helping Hands/Odyssey of the Mind raffle at the MS/HS Holiday Fest. Fundraiser was completed district wide BES/MS/HS was very successful. District wide PTO fundraiser was very successful. Elementary items are in and will be delivered to BES tomorrow. Labeled with the child's name/teacher. Email was sent to see how the school would like them distributed. Thank you to Laurie who headed this fundraiser and to all of her hard work. Thank you to the families who participated to make this fundraiser a very big success. MS/HS will be delivered next week. Picture retake day was done and also some class retakes.

Principals Report:

Mrs. Kent/Cataldo A character ed assembly was held focusing on empathy and compassion. The Humane society was present with a dog for the assembly. Mrs Heinreichs is doing a pet supply drive. Student Ambassadors are currently doing a food drive. They Will visit the food pantry on Friday to pack bags and boxes at the local berlin food pantry. Student Council from MS/HS will be going to BES to work with kindergarteners. After school, enrichment finished last week. About 60 kids participated in K-2. After school late bus helped a lot with participation. Teachers participated in professional development science/math/technology. Presenter for PLT time presented on restorative practice. Holiday shop was set up today and runs Wednesday and Thursday. Next week will be Pajama day at BES, the last day before winter break!

Mr. Bernsley- Letters sent home to parents highlighting character education. Teachers will work on sending postcards home focusing on highlighting good positive behavior. Town hall meetings were held. Focusing on appropriate words to address other students and what will and will not be tolerated in addressing how other people feel. A community of acceptance, loving, and welcoming safe environment for all who attend. Google forms will be sent out to gauge what path students would like to take 9-12 grade so they can look into programs tailored to their needs. Do they want a four year degree, two year, trade, driving, law enforcement etc and try to get data to support bringing these programs in house and if this is possible so it can be presented to the BOE. Strive to support all of the students' needs. Met with a consultant from Questar. MTSS will be changed at the MS/HS level starting second semester. Working on RTI/Social emotional-letter sent out Mid January to make everyone aware of changes and approaches to help this. Booster club tomorrow. Winter concert was well attended. Winter concert tomorrow evening. Winter fest was well attended and successful. Suspending Bernsley to the wall-was very fun. Holiday contest to see who has the best decorated door. Will make breakfast the next day for the winner. Spirit week next week. Athletics-all teams are playing hard.

Treasurer's Report: Attached. Book fair paid, yearbook paid. Petty cash for the holiday shop is set. \$178 made at the last holiday concert. Using that money for tomorrow's concert then will be

deposited. Kasey Hannigan submitted a reimbursement. Stewarts Match time. Everyone is encouraged to apply. Last year there were 7-8 groups who applied and were successful. Laurie wil submit one on behalf of MS/HS and BES.

New requests for PTO to fund/help with- Kasey Hannigan. Courtney Sroka reimbursement for Holiday shop.

Current: Holiday shop is this week at BES. Set up will be Tuesday after school and shop will run Wednesday and Thursday. Helpers were slow to respond. Thank you to Mrs. Kent for sending out district wide email. This did help gather volunteers. Fundraiser orders due in/how we will disperse these out/plan for this.

Saturday AM 11 am Wreaths Across America at Berlin Cemetery all are encouraged to attend. Invite a veteran

Next Meeting Tuesday January 9th, 2024 via virtual link.