

## PTO Virtual Meeting 03/12/2023

Attendance: Courtney Sroka, Kim Collen, Laurie Madsen, Rachel Turetsky, Matthew Turetsky, David Bernsley, Tracy Kent, Carrie Minkler

Last Meeting: Roller skating was well attended. Thank you to Mrs Cataldo and Dr. Long for stopping by and seeing all the children. Aquatics Lab trip shirts came out great.

Principal Report: Mrs. Kent BES Finished up the 2nd Trimester this past Friday. Report cards go home on Monday the 18th. Wednesday the 20th is a half day for BES and some teachers will be holding conferences as needed. Bingo event Saturday.

Mr. Bernsley 7 Students qualified for the Olympics of the Visual Arts. A Town Hall Community Meeting was held. Was very interactive, the topic covered was SEP. Next month will focus on MTSS. Social Emotional well being is just as important as academics. Next town hall will be held April 10th. A Character Education Assembly was held and spoke about empathy. A video was shared. Vaping is a very big problem at the MS/HS level. Working very hard to crack down on vaping, the dangers of vaping and not tolerating vaping at any level. The Leadership Council meeting was held with the 9th grade. The next two days will consist of 10th and 11th grade. A report will be made and presented to the BOE. Students are looking for more hands-on instruction at the MS/HS Level. Working on survey results on what students would like to see integrated for next year. Encouraging student voice and engagement.

The district is currently under a budget freeze and are unable to fund any further field trips that have not been scheduled. Teachers are asking if the PTO can help to fund field trips, cost of transportation, the drivers etc. Need to figure out how we approve the field trips as far as how many classes we can afford to send, is it fair to send some and not the others. What is the amount we could allocate? District is in a tough position related to the budget freeze. Trips already that have been approved are still being honored. In the past the PTO helped pay for admission to the field trips, now it would be covering all of the expenses such as drivers, transportation, cost of trips etc. All families are encouraged to attend Board Meetings to stay up to date on this budget information.

Treasurer's Report: Aquatics lab looking into if PTO can be a holding place for funds raised to continue to keep the lab up and running when parts are needed quickly. Currently being managed by the Business office. \$24.00 from Boxtops was deposited. Hannaford flyers handed out. Families register on the app and follow the QR Code. Check for a \$670 grant for a field trip coming through, paperwork being finalized. Approved extra Bingo Cards purchase of around 13\$

Upcoming: Smith 5K May 18th. Whalen will deliver the Bounce House for this event. Already paid for this. Need at least 2 people to run this. Maybe look into Honor Society to see if students need volunteer hours. Teacher appreciation upcoming in May. Teachers really enjoyed the coffee bar, snacks etc. Monday May 6th- Friday May 10th ready to go by 8:15am teachers arrive at 8:30am. Finalizing the date May 9th for BES and the MS/HS/Transportation will be on May 8th by 7:20am transportation around 9:15am Rachel will reach out to Stewarts to see if they would like to donate refreshers for this event. Kim Collen will use Scholastic Bucks to make a donation for the silent auction at the smith 5k event.

PTO Scholarship 3 categories. Usually give 100\$ do we want to increase to 150\$ or 200\$ Picture day is 4/29/24 at BES Courtney will do a sign up genius and include people who signed up to volunteer in this. 05/29-06/06 Book Fair books will arrive. Looking for the 06/06 in the evening at the community picnic. Book fair will run 06/05-06/06 during the day at BES.

New Business: Senior Lock in was approved for April 19th by the MS/HS Principal and Buildings. Kitchen was not approved but the FACS room was offered to be used and has all the necessary things needed. Laurie is heading up the Senior Lock In Event. Kim and Laurie will also be meeting with Mr. Bernsley tomorrow to talk about an upcoming dodgeball tournament in the works.

BES is having an upcoming Glow Party April 19th from 6pm until 8pm. Odyssey of the mind is putting on this event. PTO agreed to donate the Glow Lights for this party. Saturday the 16th Restorative Practices Committee is having Bingo from 9:30 am until 11:30 am the PTO Donated the Bingo Ball machine for this event. Kim is dropping off books purchased by the Scholastic Dollars for a prize and will drop off at BES.

New: Parent mentioned the DARE program and would this be beneficial to our school? Is there anyone currently running this DARE program? Could our school resource officer do something with this? A presentation?