

Virtual PTO Meeting 12/10/24

Attendance: Rachel Turetsky, Kim Collen, Renee Van Keuren, Courtney Sroka, Carrie Minkler, Matt Turetsky, Samantha Robitaille

BES/Mrs. Cataldo Report: Mrs Kent had a nice farewell. Students participated in Balloons over BES and did a float parade thru the hallway before Thanksgiving. Holiday shop is tomorrow 12/11, 12/12 sponsored by the PTO. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped make this possible. Mark Ross is coming Friday for a multicultural holiday show. Compassion is the character trait for this month. Collecting donations for the humane society. Ambassadors are doing a food/can drive to bring to the food pantry on Friday. Yearbook contest concluded and a student wide vote determined the winners. All entries are being displayed on a bulletin board in the main hallway.

MS/HS: Sports and clubs are up and going. Canned food drives are going on through all the grade levels. Spirit week begins next Monday and students participated in theme days. The Student Council has been very involved and motivated this year. The Student Council put on a Principal List dinner last evening at the MS/HS. About 95 people attended this event and around 54 students were recognized. Was a student driven and led event with the help of Ms. Day and Mr. Ellis

Honor Roll will be posted as well now that the list is finalized. Winter Fest was held at MS/HS and MR Bernsley was taped to the wall, money was raised for the Drama Club. Would like to hold a DodgeBall Tournament again. Town libraries and Fire Chiefs were contacted to try and bring the community together with the schools. Town Hall meeting will be held at the end of the week. Vaping is a present issue at the MS/HS level and is being addressed. MS concert is Wednesday the 11th and the 18th is the HS concert. Sign up if you would like to be caroled too.

Bake Sale will be at the Middle School Concert on the 11th and the 18th. Need a volunteer for the 18th. The Earring Fundraiser was 12 people in total. Would like to try and have the event again and promote it to try and get more people. Talked about further fundraisers maybe a parent/child craft night with a food item/dinner item available to encourage more to come. Saturday the 14th Wreaths Across America at the Berlin Cemetery. This year some wreaths were sponsored so every veteran will have a wreath. Looking for volunteers to help distribute the wreaths around 1030/11 and the ceremony will start at 1200pm. Will count as 4 hours of community service for students who volunteer.

December 20th a Holiday Movie will be playing at BES and there will be Hot Chocolate and Popcorn for Sale. Donations for Hygiene Products are asked as an admission or \$5.00 all kids in attendance need to be supervised for the duration of the event.

Treasurer's Report: Helping Hands received a 1225\$ in donations. Full treasurer's report is attached. We need to decide on a Spring Fundraiser and timing/option for the Fundraiser fully in place for January.

Discussed setting up an April Date for the Dodgeball Tournament. Last year it was held on a Friday in April. There is also an England Trip scheduled in April.

Stewarts Match needs to be applied for.

5th Grade- Yearbook contract is up for next year. Before January 1st if the contract is locked in they get a discount rate. All agreed to this. Price for the yearbook stays the same.