

Minutes

Bexley Middle School PTO

10/29/2020 1 pm
Zoom

Principal Update (Jason Caudill)

- On behalf of teachers and staff, Jason thanked PTO for the teacher appreciation gift bags (see details below).
- Lanyards for masks were distributed to students. Due to the minimal expense, Jason was able to purchase lanyards through a building expense fund.
- Jason previously held a Q&A session on a Sunday to specifically address issues in the school model changes. There was discussion if that would be ongoing. Jason suggested it's something he could continue every 3-4 weeks as needed.
- According to Jason the hybrid model is going as well as can be expected. It is logistically the most challenging model but teachers are doing their best to provide for their students. Jason welcomes feedback if parents would like to reach out. 1:1 school issued Chromebooks are creating a consistent teaching and learning experience. With school wide technology access, teachers are exploring additional technology and executive functioning educational opportunities.
- During the November Board of Education (BOE) meeting, Board members will begin to discuss different models based on current hybrid experiences and information gathered from other districts (e.g., AM/PM model, K-5 return to 5 days, etc.). It is Jason's understanding that if there is a change in models, it will be announced during the December BOE meeting.
- It has been determined that live streaming classes is not ideal for middle school students at this time. Teachers are focusing their attention on the students during their in-person days.
- If students need to quarantine, the school is working with individual families to ensure students continue to receive the best possible education.

President Update (Jill Russ)

- PTO meetings with Dr. Dan Good, Interim Superintendent: scheduled for October 14th and November 5th. If anyone would like to attend the November meeting in person as the BMS PTO representative please contact Jill.

Treasurer Update (Kristin Harpe and Liz Magee)

- Budget for this year is based on the actual income and expenses we had last year. Four months into this school year (the fiscal calendar starts in July), the PTO is behind in generating revenue due to a shortfall in supply box sales, Call a Cub sales and Spiritwear sales. Assignment Book sales have increased by approximately \$100.
- Discussion was raised around the expense line item for the DC trip and if additional funds will need to be raised for a deposit for next academic years trip. At this time, Jason does not feel the urgency to raise additional funds this fiscal year as there is a nice cushion in the DC trip fund which can be tapped into for next year's deposit.

Secretary Update (Shana Levin)

- Shana will send minutes to the PTO Board for approval and then share with Jason for his Sunday newsletters.

Vice-President Update (Sean Hathorn)

- Racquel Armstrong (Assistant Principal) is working with a minority student group to help build comradery and safety nets.

Chair Updates

- Call-A-Cub (Jackie Phillips)
 - \$1270 in advertising sales have been collected to date and \$250 is outstanding.
 - 8th grade student, Alaura Kizzee, won the cover contest. She will be given a prize including a gift card and art supplies.
 - Caller PTO representatives plan to meet in the spring to stream line advertising sales and discuss future caller formats.
 - Anna Ramsden, Communications Chair, will get PTO MailChimp account from Jason to send out email blast with order information to middle school families. The order information is currently on our Facebook page.
- Spirit Wear (Susie Chluda)
 - Sales fell short this year with 48 pieces sold earning \$223 during September/October.
 - It was recommended to relaunch sales the end of November for the Hanukkah and Christmas holiday sales. In addition, the plan is to offer Spiritwear again in the spring.
 - There was discussion about changing Bexley brand designs or promoting a student art contest. Jason indicated that in years past student led designs have not boosted sales.
- Teacher Appreciation (Olga Shonia, Wendy Almasanu and Flora Cabanes)

-Thank you to the three team parent committee who put together and donated care packages for BMS teachers and staff including snacks and bookmarks with messages of thank you. See below for the great picture of their hard work!

Upcoming Meetings: (always subject to change)

- All Thursdays at 1 pm
11/19/2020
1/28/2021
2/25/2021
3/25/2021
4/29/2021
5/27/2021

The Mission of the Bexley Middle School PTO is to provide a forum for parents to communicate with the principal and each other, to support the needs of teachers and students, and to raise money for the student outdoor education and Washington, D.C. trips. All are welcome to attend these meetings.

