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Bexley Middle School PTO

5/26/2022 1 pm
Zoom

Principal Update (Jason and Racquel)

- Exciting time of year as school comes to a close after a successful year. It's especially exciting to see the 8th graders move on to their next stage as high schoolers.
- The annual Laurel Honors Society assembly will be held June 1 at 2:30pm. This is an opportunity for 8th graders to be recognized for accomplishments. Families can pre-register to expedite check-in. The school is in need of a 3-4 volunteer parents to help facilitate the check-in process.

President Update (Jill)

- Thank you to everyone who has served on the board, and to those who attended meetings and participated in supporting the middle school, especially during trying two years with Covid.

Vice-President Update (Lindsey)

- Goal for next year is to re-build community among both students and families. This summer the new board will begin to build a first quarter plan, especially once the experiential learning opportunities for the next academic year are determined. The Board hopes to kick off the year with a student mixer in August and a parent/caregiver mixer after the start of school.

Treasurer Update (Liz)

- The current balance is \$18,541.53. The PTO board will work next year to determine the closing balance and fund placement based on updated by-laws.

Chair Updates

Spirit Wear (Rachel)

- Rachel will be making deliveries as the final academic year sale comes to a close.
- Bexley car magnets are now in and will be available during the next sale.

Teacher appreciation (Olga and Flora)

- Staff are grateful for all Olga and Flora have done the past few years to celebrate teacher appreciate week.

DC Trip Discussion (Jason)

For over 20 years, Bexley Middle School has hosted a trip to Washington DC as a culminating activity for 8th grade students. The cost of these trips has recently increased to the point that we need to gauge community interest in maintaining the trip and financially supporting it. There are three main costs associated with this trip, all of which have seen dramatic increases over the past 2 years: transportation, hotels, and food.

In addition, we are committed to this being a school sponsored, class trip which means that it has to be accessible to all students. Some of the considerations while planning include student medical needs, dietary restrictions, social emotional and behavioral supports, gender identity and expression, accessibility, and finances.

In an effort to gauge interest in this trip, we are asking families to complete a DC interest survey by Friday, June 3.

A link to survey was provided in a May 28th email sent to families as well as the Sunday May 29th principal email.

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.