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Bexley Middle School PTO

2/25/2021 1 pm

Zoom

Principal Update (Jason Caudill)

- BMS Scavenger Hunt is to kick off 2/26. The information to students will be pushed out via email, Canvas and video. Jason is looking forward to students having an outdoor activity prior to spring break. Thank you to Wendy Almasanu and Jackie Phillips for organizing
- A search firm has been hired to facilitate the superintendent search, Ray & Associates. There are many opportunities for parent and community input through a district survey and focus groups. Understanding the wants and needs of the community is very important and helpful, therefore Jason encourages all parents to participate.
-Jill Russ shared information from one of the focus groups: typical tenure of a superintendent is currently 3-4 years, group facilitator, Mr. Collins, feels confident Bexley can attract the talent it is seeking, and Bexley's pay scale for a superintendent a bit low compared to other districts.
- 5th grade parent night is scheduled for 2/25 via zoom. Virtual meetings may be continued in the future due to the benefits of accessibility and recording for future use.

President Update (Jill Russ)

- District-wide teacher appreciation project: There is an initiative for students/families to recycle and redecorate yard signs with messages of thank you and appreciation for teachers and staff. The plan is for signs to be placed in front of schools March 7th for teachers/staff to enjoy Monday, March 8. All PTOs are being asked to promote this effort.
- Bexley Education Foundation Teacher and Staff Appreciation: The BEF is planning a "Gratitude Night" toward the end of the academic year. This is meant to encompass all teachers and staff (including maintenance and food service employees). Historically this group has been missed in appreciation opportunities but there is a push to ensure they are recognized as well going forward.

- PTO felt if there are funds or an opportunity to recognize the 26 maintenance and food service staff, it would be a nice touch this year as they have gone above and beyond during an unprecedented school year.

Treasurer Update (Kristin Harpe and Liz Magee)

- No new updates.

Secretary Update (Shana Levin)

- No new updates.

Vice-President Update (Sean Hathorn)

- Superintendent meeting updates: PTO focus group meeting is scheduled for 2:00 PM, Friday, February 26

Chair Updates

- Scavenger hunt project: Included in principal update

Upcoming Meetings: (always subject to change)

- All Thursdays at 1 pm
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.