

MINUTES

Bexley Middle School PTO

5/27/2021 1 pm
Zoom

Principal Update (Jason)

- End of year celebrations will be by grade level and indoors this year (no parent volunteers unfortunately).
- Safety protocols still uncertain for the 21-22 school year.
- School supply pick-up is planned for in-person August 12th (additional information below).
- Teachers and staff are looking forward to getting to know Bexley's new superintendent, Dr. Jason Fine.

President Update (Jill)

- PTO Board 21-22 (Board approved in meeting vote)
 - President - Jill Russ
 - Vice President - Sean Hathorn
 - Secretary - Shana Levin
 - Treasurer - Liz Magee
- PTO Committee Chairs 21-22
 - Call-a-Cub - Jackie Phillips
 - Fall Fundraiser - Jenny Grischkan
 - Teacher Appreciation - Olga Shonia and Flora Cabanes
 - Spiritwear - Rachel Laing
 - Communications - Anna Ramsden
- Jill would like to begin thinking about continuity and succession for the 22-23 PTO Board.
- PTO Supply Sale/Pick-up (August 12th)
 - Office City Express will continue supply sales through June 4th.
 - Supply pick-up will be in-person with assigned up times based on last name and grade. PTO will meet over the summer to plan pick-up day in more detail and determine outside groups and boosters that will be asked to participate. Additional volunteers will be needed.
 - Proceeds raised through supply sales goes to PTO and is typically around \$2,000.

- Fall Fundraiser (Jenny Grischkan)
 - Main purpose of fundraising has been to support the 8th grade D.C. trip. There has not been a decision made if the trip will run next school year. Jason is in touch with vendors regarding availability and pricing in case the trip is permitted to take place (a decision will need to be made by the start of school). Currently there is a school fund with \$60k earmarked for trip support which gives flexibility to fundraise for other areas as well. Jason suggested PTO fundraising could also provide support in the following areas: 1) Technology 2) Day trips and experiences for all grades 3) Facilities and space updates to provide for more age appropriate uses.
 - Possible fundraising ideas: "No frills" fundraiser (a one-time solicitation without an event or product), Cookie Dough Sales (previously made around \$1k), Teachers/Administrators in Jail Fundraiser, Walk-a-thon.
 - Many in the zoom meeting liked the idea of a walk-a-thon one evening in late October/mid-November on the high school track to encourage kids to move, be social and actively participate in the fundraising efforts. Jenny will begin to look into this idea.

Treasurer Update (Kristin and Liz)

- The ending balance is \$6,704.59 (no additional expenses or revenue is expected). The goal is to close the school year with at least \$2,500. It was determined that the PTO would not make a contribution of \$12,500 to the D.C. trip fund as we currently have \$60k in a school fund earmarked for the trip and due to the uncertainty of the 21-22 trip.

Vice-President Update (Sean)

- Sean will continue to serve as the BMS PTO representative for the 21-22 superintendent meetings. The goal next year during these meetings is to work on PTO by-laws and coordinating efforts between all PTOs and boosters.

Spirit Wear (Susan & Rachel)

- Sale of incoming 6th grade t-shirts profited \$469. Spirit Wear items will be sold during supply pick-up on August 12th (samples will be available with sales taking place on-line).

21-22 School Year

- Jason and Jill will determine if PTO meetings will continue via zoom or return to in-person. There seems to be benefits of zoom to allow for broader participation.
- SAVE THE DATE: Summer PTO meeting to prepare for the 21-22 school year and supply pick up date is June 29th at 1pm.

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.