



Blairstown Elementary School  
Parent Teacher Group  
January 10, 2023

Present:

Jamie Oatley, President  
Jodi Hawkswell, Vice President  
Christina Malcolm, Secretary  
Meredith Coronato, Treasurer

Members in Attendance: 4 (Names on File)

Meeting Commenced: 1900

**President's Report:** The purchase of a new mascot that was approved fell through, as pricing given turned out to be for a child's sized mascot. However, the old one was dry cleaned and that appears to have extended its life some.

**Vice President's Report:** Head Room Parents are doing well.

**Treasurer's Report:** Updates provided about recent fundraisers and deposits.

**Secretary's Report:** While being cc'd on important emails is very helpful, we don't need to be cc'd on all email communication with the committee.

COMMITTEES & EVENTS:

**Playground:** The previous vote for turf funding for the gaga pit at \$3,000 will not be enough. More work needs to be done to have it installed properly, and as a result, the cost will be closer \$5,000. Meredith made a motion for a vote to approve spending up to \$5,000 for the installation of turf in the gaga pit, and it was seconded. It was a unanimous vote to increase the budget accordingly.

**Spirit Walk:** Not present.

**Book Fair:** Not present, proxy update. The book fair was very successful, with about \$12,000 in sales (not all of that is profit). Taylor would like to thank all the volunteers and co-chairs for their

help. The Spring Book Fair will be 4/24-28. Going forward, Taylor would like to move the book fair to late October-early November, to avoid too many spending events so close together heading into the holidays.

**Santa's Secret Workshop:** Not present, proxy update. Overall the event was successful. There will be some discussion going forward regarding changes to make it work better.

**Sweets Treats & Eats:** Not present, proxy update. The Candy Gram sale went well, raising over \$500.

**Roller Skating:** The event had 81 skaters in attendance, which is lower than in the past. Hoping to have more people come out for the next event in March.

**Plant Sale:** Inquiries were made for an Easter flower sale. The poinsettia sale went okay, however they are looking to add or switch to wreaths or table top decor instead.

**POSSE:** Not present, proxy update. Including Taylor, there were only six responses to the sign up link. Getting those volunteers fingerprinted is next. If any volunteers are interested but unable to afford the cost of fingerprinting, please see a board member about financial assistance. They are also hoping to come up with a new name for the group.

**Staff Appreciation:** Not present, proxy update. The Staff Appreciation breakfast is going to be worked in with the 100th day of school.

**Pastries with Parents:** Not present, proxy update. We are waiting for the office to confirm the date, either April 28 or May 12, the May date being preferred.

**Assemblies:** The Signature Project is being looked at. Jamie is actively working on another author visit.

**Book Bingo:** Not present, proxy update. The date has been confirmed by all, March 24 at 7pm, snow date March 31. Details to follow.

**Fun Run:** The committee is meeting in the next few weeks, and still taking volunteers if anyone else wants to join.

**Gertrude Hawk:** Not present.

**Pasta Sale:** The sale is likely to run at the end of January into February. Details to follow.

**New Playground Committee:** They are meeting this week with a contractor to get an estimate to fence in the grassy area and have it excavated to make it level. They will also be meeting with the preschool and kindergarten teachers to find out what they actually want for a playground for their students.

**Read-a-thon:** The event is in the beginning stages and will be working with Mrs. Erickson.

**Refreshments:** Not present, proxy update. There have been requests for their assistance for both the Staff Appreciation breakfast and luncheon. They would like to remind everyone they can use the form to reach out.

**Teacher's Lounge Reno:** No update.

**Bingo:** They are waiting for the gym project to be complete to set a date.

**Literacy/STEM Night:** It will be held March 9, snow date March 23.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

None.

Meeting adjourned 1947.