



Blairstown Elementary School
Parent Teacher Group
March 6, 2023

Present:

Jamie Oatley, President
Jodi Hawkswell, Vice President
Meredith Coronato, Treasurer

Members in Attendance: 14 Emily Baier, Claire Crowder, Jamie Cuccaro, Elisa Diego, Ann Cain, Tammy Quick, Erinn Allison, Rebecca Black, Jennifer Larena, Ashley Larena, Tara Anderson, Liz Dwyer, Tammy Messina, Melanie Daleo

Meeting Commenced: 19:03

President's Report: No new news.

Vice President's Report: No new news.

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

Secretary's Report: Absent

COMMITTEES & EVENTS:

Gertrude Hawk: Sales totaled \$4644, although online is still open until March 26th. Pickups will be the week of March 27th.

Read-a-thon: The event started March 1st and will run until March 31st. There will be contests and prizes as the contest progresses. Sign up your child and share with your friends and family through social media and email. Our goal is to raise \$10,000!

Family Skate Night: Flyers should be going home tomorrow. Event is next Thursday, March 16th. Hoping to see a good turnout.

Assemblies: Author visit will be Tara Lazar this year. She is coming on March 17th. We sold over \$1000 of her books and will get a 20% donation from the book store we ordered them from. The Signature Project is booked for an assembly on April 18th.

Book Bingo: Flyers went home for this. Event will be on March 24 at 7pm, snow date March 31. RSVP by the 17th. Books are in, refreshments are ordered, and everything is in order!

Book Fair: Not present, proxy update. The Spring Book Fair will be 4/24-28. Sign up Genius will be sent out soon to get volunteers scheduled.

Playground: Turf has been ordered. Total cost will come to \$4,194.50. Contractor is just waiting for appropriate weather and conditions to install.

Girl Scouts will attend the next meeting (May 10th) and give a presentation on a butterfly garden they will fundraise and install around the pavilion.

Future playground projects are on hold. Preschool and kindergarten teachers are currently satisfied with the space they have for their students to play outside. In addition, the administration is looking into leveled areas that get wet often and want to have a complete plan for removing old playground and installing new and does not want us to continue adding pieces without this.

Pastries with Parents: Date will be April 28th and in the gym. Refreshments committee will be contacted to reduce the cost of food.

Staff Appreciation: The 100th day of school breakfast was a hit and staff in attendance agreed. Teacher appreciation week will include catered lunch, catered by Tacos Chicas, plus donated food all with a Cinco De Mayo theme on May 10th. They are also looking to include more for the week, including possibly an after school yoga session, art class, and breakfast one morning.

POSSE: Not present, proxy update. Things are in motion. Next steps are: an email will be sent out next week regarding a training date as well as the required fingerprint process.

Fun Run: Not happening this year, but will be researched over the summer to consider for next year.

Plant Sale: Not present, proxy update. Looking into an Easter sale, however, membership suggested the time frame for this was too short and would be more interested in plants in May including herbs and flowers.

Pasta Sale: Not present, proxy update. Needs to know how many students in the school (420) before continuing.

Refreshments: Not present, proxy update. Ready to help out at Book Bingo. Aware of other upcoming events but waiting on forms for them.

Teacher's Lounge Reno: No update at this time.

Bingo/Raffle: Bingo seems to not be a good fit at this time. Raffle ideas suggested including raffle for restaurant gift cards, other gift cards, yeti prizes, 50/50, or large cash prizes.

NEW BUSINESS

School administration has asked us to help purchase smart boards for the library and two preschool classrooms. Total cost of this would be around \$12,000.

Shelves for the library were also requested, but were said to be less pressing than the new technology. Cost for this would be \$14,000.

The PTG Board suggested we bring back the "wishlists" teachers used to fill out, although now they would be referred to as "grants." Suggested cap would be for \$500 per teacher. Application sample was given out.

Discussion ensued about how to spend money and a vote was taken. Results were:

Smartboards- 14

Library Shelves- 4

Teacher Grants- 16

A grant committee was formed and includes Jamie Oatley, Jodi Hawkswell, Emily Baier, Erinn Allison, Melanie Daleo, and Claire Crowder.

It was mentioned that at the next meeting we would like to create a calendar of next year's anticipated fundraisers in order to space them out.

Meeting adjourned 20:47.