

Blairstown Elementary School
Parent Teachers Group (PTG)
November 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present:

Erinn Allison, President

Anne Dato, Vice President

Teesha Pagano, Treasurer

Elisa Diego, Secretary

Approximately 10 members

Mr. Leal

Meeting commenced at 7:05pm

1. Erinn welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.
2. Teesha briefed the members on the current budget report. Also discussed Homeroom Money; what it is & how it's dispersed. Up to one hundred dollars is allocated to all teachers. In order to be reimbursed, they must fill out a form and submit to the PTG on or before November 15, 2018.
3. Erinn was happy to confirm the NY Times bestselling author, Wendy Mass, will be visiting the students on February 5, 2019 (snow date 2/7). More details to follow in the upcoming months.
4. Anne discussed the Teacher's Wish Lists. A large portion of our fundraising efforts goes right back to the teachers and the classrooms. They are items that are not normally covered under the schools budget. This year, the Board was unable to fulfill every request, but was, however, able to accommodate in part for each and every grade.
5. We are very excited to announce that the PTG is currently at more than **150 members/volunteers!** Since 2015, this is the most recorded amount of members.
6. Elisa was happy to report that on Sept 27, 2018, the PTG was reinstated to a 501c3 status. A determination was sent by the IRS and passed about the members. Also, Mr Leal has a copy of the letter in his office. The IRS updates their database for non profits from time to time; however we are currently still listed on the revocation list. Our determination letter is proof that we are in fact a

501c3 corporation and can use said letter to show prospective donors. I will continue to monitor the IRS database to see when we've been updated.

7. Bear Wear will begin a new sale in the coming weeks. A proposal of the retro bear logo on limited items may be an item soon on the list. A few samples will be submitted to the Board by Jen Unick, chairperson, in the next few weeks. Jen also spoke of our SSW event coming on Saturday, 12/1. A list of vendors and crafters will be posted on the FB page.

8. We had a wonderful SPIRITWALK event on October 5! Despite a five day delayed school start, a new chairperson and committee, Chrystal Sullivan and her team did a great job working together to make this treasured school event happen!

9. Nanette Maertens reported the first Box Tops contest had ended. Winners will be announced soon. She and Jamie Oatley are looking into more incentives on making this more successful going forward.

10. A vote was taken to increase the Reading Incentive from \$250.00 to \$700.00. This vote was unanimous and will go into effect immediately.

11. Mr. Leal congratulated the Board and the PTG on the 501c3 reinstatement. He also discussed POSSE training. If anyone was still interested in this to please reach out to PTG. Anyone who had recently been to the training on October 30 and would still like to be a member, you are encouraged to reach out to Mr. Leal for more details. Mr. Leal also asked for some feedback on BTSN in which some of the parents shared their experiences.

Meeting adjourned 8:40pm