

Bristol PTO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes January 9th, 2015

Teacher Liaison Report - Jenny Boyle

- Teachers were excited about the idea of board games for indoor recess. Jenny will collect teacher wish lists this week and give to Becky. Becky will coordinate purchase plans for several games per grade level and class. PTO will also ask parents to donate games.
- For the Auction fund-a-need, teachers in grades 3 – 5 ask for Chromebooks (ideally 1:1 student ratio as upcoming standardized tests will be computerized only); 2nd grade teachers want laptops for student use; K-1 teachers want iPad for student use. Mrs. Wichard (music room) wants carts for the larger instruments so she can make them more mobile for student use.

Principal Report – Nancy Zitzmann

- Welcome committee is holding a social in February for new parents; committee asks for input on a non-conflicting day to schedule this. PTO and principal suggest February 6.
- Drop down screen for the gym was ordered for \$1,030.15
- Elyssa wrote a grant on behalf of the PTO to secure funding for \$1,000 worth of classroom equipment to facilitate non-disruptive student movement during lessons in the classroom. Equipment is not to be designated for specific students with identified special needs, but to be made available to all students equally, with the idea those who need more movement will self-select more movement based upon learning style. Principal will decide with teachers where the equipment should be located initially. This was designed as a pilot program to elicit feedback on use of the equipment, so equipment should be focused in a couple of classrooms to get the most beneficial feedback. Equipment includes standing desks, wobble stools, fidget-seat cushion discs and resistance chair bands. The equipment will be ordered 1/12/15.
- MAP testing
 - Testing can be done anytime during a two month window starting after Spring Break
 - Grades 3 and 4 will have tests in reading and math; all questions will be multiple choice and completed on a computer
 - Grade 5 has reading, math, and science tests; all questions will be multiple choice and completed on a computer
 - We don't have enough computers to test all students in one grade level at the same time
 - Largest class is 106 in fifth grade. Ellen motions for purchase of 106 Chromebooks not to exceed \$20,000 total cost; Becky seconds motion. Majority vote in favor carries the motion. (Addendum and update after meeting: 106 Chromebooks will cost more than anticipated, and the state has just announced as of 1/12/14 that not all tests will be on the computer this year as originally planned. This has changed original intent and the PTO presidents and principal are discussing how to move forward, as additional computer hardware is really needed regardless. Further discussion is warranted, though the purchase of about 80 Chromebooks for approximately \$20k is a possibility now. The price the district can get us is \$277 each (software & warranties needed to be purchased as well). After discussing it with Nancy, Becky, and Sherri, we are now going to purchase 80 Chromebooks which will cost us \$22,160. Nancy has spoken to Tim Brown and he can get us the Chromebooks we will need for testing, along with the ones we already have, we should be good to go. Sherri has assured us we will

have plenty to get us through trivia night and still have enough to get some games for each classroom.)

Presidents' Report – *Becky Hauser, Ellen Moriarty*

- Open Positions for Exec Board for 2015-16 year
 - We have 3, possibly 4 open slots for the upcoming year
 - Meetings will be moved to the 1st Thursday evening of each month at 7pm to accommodate a wider pool of candidates
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 - Announcement of open positions will be made at all upcoming meetings, in the Bristol Bulletin, on Facebook, and in the Paws for PTO newsletter
- Time Change of General PTO meeting for Jan 15th. 6pm start time
- “Paws for PTO”: submissions due by January 26
- Bricks 4 Kids is an afterschool activity formerly organized through the Adventure Club. They’re not doing that activity anymore, so PTO will possibly coordinate that opportunity for all students

1st Vice Presidents' Report – *Holly Kunze, Jenn Brenner*

- Art Fest Committee
 - “Join the Movement” is the theme this year. Wonderful activities planned. More volunteers on the night are needed—no art experience necessary.
- Trivia Night update: Sarah Gaffney needs admin ability on the PTO Facebook page for a temporary time period to promote the auction. She is creating a FB Event for the auction. The auction theme this year is Fun and Games. Premier tables are being put together with local businesses, and other trivia committees are in place. Sandy will time-stamp applications for tables as they come in, as tables do sell out and we want to be as fair as possible
- Blacktop Ball is May 1 and Anne Lamitola is coordinating a committee
- Healthy Kids week hasn’t been scheduled yet. Maria Wetzel-Meehan is coordinating. Possibly schedule for early May?

2nd Vice Presidents' Report – *Kelly Ensor, Kevin Mitchell*

- WGSDF Update – Party at the Pageant promotion

Treasurer/Audit Report – *Sherri Fowler, Sarah Calame*

- There is an umbrella PTO treasury organization at the district level; Diane Moore heads this. She has not heard statements from all of the PTOs regarding participation, so this umbrella might be disbanded. Treasurers will discuss further with her.
- Balance as of today is \$48,805. This takes into account the payment of the projector screen mentioned in the minutes but not games for classrooms or Chromebooks.

Community Liaison Report – *Matt Goben*

- Jets Pizza night – February 4th
- Yo My Goodness nights - February 19th and April 9th