

## **Beechwood Knoll Elementary PTO May 2023 General Meeting Minutes**

**Date, Time, Location:** Monday, May 8th, 2023 at 6:00pm, Virtual Zoom Meeting

Motion to approve March meeting minutes. Motion approved.

### **Principal's Report:** Given by Principal Marisa Rodriguez (MR)

- Thank you to Ms. Corte for setting up the Whale presentation for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Following that presentation, BKS adopted Midnight the Whale. Info about this adoption has been posted on the QPS website as well.
- Incoming Kindergarteners will be screened this Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Families start by registering their child on the QPS website and then screening is scheduled afterwards.
- In the June newsletter, info about Kindergarten meet and greets will be shared. Messaging will also be sent in July from MR about meet and greet for Kindergarteners.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies up and running. Is an option that families can use to order school supplies. Supplies are bundled in one package and set based on grade.
- Thank you to everyone, pledgers for help to make this year's Fun Run so successful. Pledges received from 25 states, 4 countries and have raised close to \$16,000.
- Suggested perhaps having Fun Run in October, every other year instead of every year. Between Field Trips, MCAS and other spring events, the Fun Run may have felt a little rushed.
- Band not participating in Memorial Day Assembly. But, band will perform during Spring Concert.
- Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-6:30pm time after school for families to shop the Book Fair. Theme is Pajama Book Fair.
- MCAS wrapping up this week and next.
- Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> is Promotion Ceremony for 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

### **President's Report:** Given by Co-President Kristin Campbell (KC) and Katie Sampson (KS)

- Penguin Pizza, Pizza Kit fundraiser this week. Place orders by Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Last day of school is 6/20/2023.
- Discussed a Paint Night at last meeting, but learned that this would be expensive. Somewhere in the area of \$30/participant. Could cost the PTO around \$4,000. Rather than this event, an alternative suggestion was a Movie Night w/hoodsie cups/freeze pops, popcorn. Suggesting this for the end of the school year. Due to sunsetting later in June, Movie Night idea scrapped and instead Ice Cream Social w/outdoor games was proposed. Proposing Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7pm for Lawn Games and Hoodsie Cups and Freezer Pops.
- Any additional fundraising event dates will be communicated via Facebook PTO page and school messenger.

- Jumpy houses will be on site for the kids for Field Day. BKS has applied to the high schools for high school interns to assist BKS in June with various events.
- Four positions are available on the PTO Board: two Chair positions, Treasurer, Secretary, City-Wide and Co-Web Promoter positions available. If interested in learning more about the open positions, contact the board via the PTO Facebook page.
- Fun Run raised nearly \$16,000 and pledging is open until Friday, so can possibly reach goal of \$20,000.
- Teacher Appreciation Week this week. Some treats for Teachers today in the lounge (snacks, chocolates, popcorn). A few more things throughout the week: Wednesday was planned to have a lunch for the teachers, but due to a Professional Meeting, this has been postponed to next week, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Thursday will be a breakfast for the teachers. Friday will be cupcakes for teachers. KC will be sending out a google form link so students and parents can share notes of appreciation and thanks for teachers which will be shared with teachers on Friday.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade raised \$870-ish dollars from their bake sale and fundraising activities.

**Treasurer's Report: Given by Co-Treasurer Justine Corte (JC)**

- Balance as of March, 2023: \$15,738.68
- Current balance: \$23,551.49
- Fun Run and Read-a-thon exceeded fundraising expectations.

**City-wide PTO Report: Given by City-wide Representative Katelyn Guimaraes (KG) and Grace Young-Jae (GY-J)**

KG discussed Quincy Multi-Cultural Festival at Fore River Fieldhouse. Parking will be limited at the event. For anyone interested in attending, visit Citywide PTO page for parking suggestions, alternative modes of transportation. Event scheduled for Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 4pm.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:51pm

**Meeting notes compiled by:** Erin Geoghegan, PTO secretary