

## **Beechwood Knoll Elementary PTO October 2022 General Meeting Minutes**

**Date, Time, Location:** Monday, October 3rd, 2022 at 6:00pm, Virtual Zoom Meeting

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

- For grades 3 through 5, the schedule switches are now 90 minutes.
- BKS is always looking for substitute teachers.
- Will present on MCAS reporting at next meeting.
- Parent reports for last Spring's MCAS will be shared later this month. The state released the data on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The results will drive the school improvement plan.
- Question from parent: Do MCAS scores impact the school's budget/budget planning? A: The data will help schools across the Quincy district drive intervention resources and how to be actionable throughout the school year.
- Arrival and Dismissal: always use sidewalks and crosswalks. Mrs. Rodriguez will continue pushing these communications, since safety is biggest concern. In the morning, there is a drop-off zone in the faculty parking lot. MR asked that parents please not park in the lot, because that is for faculty and staff. No drive through pick-up zone in the afternoon.
- Tremendous turnout for session 1 of Extended Day Programs. Mrs. Latini, Asst. Principal, is managing the Extended Day programs.
- Fall Benchmarks: MATH for students in grades 2 through 5. Kindergarten, 1 and 2 take AMPLIFY DIBELS. Parents can receive their child's reports by request only. Email MR if you want your child's report results.
- Big Smiles Dentist coming October 17<sup>th</sup>
- Flu clinic being held afterschool on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Information sent home with students today in monthly newsletter and via emailed newsletter.
- Open Parachute is the parent component to the social emotional program.
- Trunk-or-Treat collection: looking for candy/non candy (pretzels, popcorn, pencils, stickers) donations from families for the event. Prize for class that has largest donations. MR thinking of maybe a movie night for grade with largest trunk-or-treat donations.

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

- Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm is Trunk-or-Treat. Seeking volunteers to decorate cars. Limiting to 15 cars (were 13 last year). Google sign-up form on PTO webpage if you are interested in decorating your car.
- Trunk-or-Treat collection: looking for candy/non candy (pretzels, popcorn, pencils, stickers) donations from families for the event. Prize for class that has largest donations. Also seeking monetary donation for trunk-or-treat. Expecting large turnout, so appreciate any help from volunteers on the night of the event.
- Considering specialized clothing items from company that organized our Fun Run.
- Planning on holding bake sales in the near future for fundraiser.

- Have received a large number of gift card donations from families. Thinking of having a giftcard calendar fundraiser. More info to come.
- Possible read-a-thon fundraiser, in collaboration with Read Across America event.
- Open web promoter position available on PTO Board. Contact any of the Board members if interested.
- BOKS program is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If your child participates, they must wear sneakers and bring water.
- Carrie Power has volunteered for the position of Co-Treasurer

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

- Current balance: \$12,441.85
- Planned 2022-2023 expenditures totals \$17,231.58 (teacher school supplies, teacher appreciation event, office supplies, field trips for each grade, etc.)
- JC encouraging enrollment in AmazonSmiles program to fund money for BKS. Grace Young-Jae working to send out fliers with reminders of fundraising programs, such as AmazonSmiles, Box Tops, etc.

**City-wide PTO Report: Given by City-wide Representative Katelyn Guimaraes (KG)**

KG unable to attend due to prior engagement. Grace Young-Jae attended. QR code and link with new Citywide PTO webpage, includes new glossary page. Next Citywide PTO Meeting will be October 17<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 8pm.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:47pm

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

**Next PTO Meeting:** Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-7pm