

BOYDEN PAC MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

Co-Chairs - Molly Cotter and Ali Lydon
Treasurers - Kristen Jefferies and Tina Shaughnessy
Secretaries - Shivaun Brenizer and Kellee Senic

Opened the Meeting at 7 pm. This is the first Boyden PAC meeting of the school year 2021-2022. The meeting was held in the cafeteria. All in attendance sat at individual desks, socially distant from each other and wearing masks.

1. Chandler Sullivan OPR mom- Middle school project

Chandler spoke to the PAC requesting volunteers to get information out about the upcoming vote for the construction of a new middle school in Walpole. Chandler explained this new middle school would combine students from the current two middle schools into one large school, built on the grounds of the current Bird Middle School. For more information on this project please check social media. PAC chair Molly Cotter also has flyers for this with QR code.

2. Jana Morra - Guest speaker- Docent

Volunteer program for all of the Walpole Public Schools. Docent program brings art presentations into classrooms. Parent volunteers are shown the presentation, then present this themselves to the school. No art experience required. Sending out letters this week to get more volunteers. Sarah Barry spoke about her positive experience as a docent.

3. Multicultural Books Initiative- Shantae Holmes.

This is a grassroots initiative started by Shantae Holmes to increase number of diverse books in the elementary school library and preK library. Every month the MIB fundraises to buy books. Shantae also started Walpoles first Juneteenth celebration which raised \$3000. MIB is now a Non profit. Community awareness for diversity. Please email shantae@beinclusivema.org for more information. Shantae also assigned a PAC liaison who will be at meetings going forward. Starting soon is the "Bundle of Books" fundraiser. \$250 can buy a bundle of books per school.

4. Treasurers report- Kristen Jefferies went over the treasurers report. Tina Shaughnessy has trained Kristen on how to read and report the treasurers. \$65,000 in the PAC fund- mostly due to the Walpole Wheel of Fortune. Boyden PAC now has a debit card. Able to use it for any big expenses. Recently purchased teacher appreciation breakfast. Online bank account now. Motion to approve- Seconded.

5. Volunteer request - Molly Cotter made a volunteer request form describing every activity and what it entails.

6. Online directory- Boyden PAC along with the help of Mr. Dearborn will have a google drive as the new "Friendship Directory". This directory will serve as a contact list for all families who wish to participate. This directory can help families connect with other classmates.

7. Running club- Erica Burdon

Running club is excited to start back up again this fall. Hoping for a start date of September 30th. This is a 4 week after school program where students can exercise and see friends. The running club is always in need of volunteers. There is a small fee associated with the running club. Participants get t-shirts. General discussion of t shirts to be discussed at next Pac meeting.

8. Teacher Appreciation- Breakfast first day, treat cart for teachers. All ideas are welcome. Decorated cookies, coffee truck. Tina established a treat cart for teachers for their break room. Volunteers needed to just drop off snacks and replenish teacher cart. Tina asked for favorite food and drinks for teachers. Trying to do a monthly thing. Keep ideas coming.

9. Teacher appreciation lunch- Tina ran the luncheon. Big luncheon during the week of teachers appreciation. Not until much later in the year. Usually in May. May 1-7th. Volunteers need for this as well.

10. Cultural appreciation- looking for ideas for cool things to bring in to the school. In the past bands, athletes, scientists and artists have come in to present to the Boyden Students. No presentations happened last year due to covid- Mr. Dearborn is open to ideas for this year.

11. Kellee Senic- Fun run not happening this fall. Might happen in spring. transition to a one mile for kids run. A lot less planning to go into a one-mile run

12. Parents night out 9/23 Debeveno winery \$24/ticket. Signupgenius will go out. Venmo money. Signup genius will go out by Friday. This will also be posted to Mr. Dearborn's weekly message

13. Open house. new format. Night families can come in with students to see classrooms. No students involved in open house this year. Staggered to ensure that not too many people are in the building. Curriculum will be presented this year; this is new for parents. Curriculum has never been presented and Mr. Dearborn is excited to tell families about it. September 22. Time still to be determined. Could be between 6-7:30. Jen Barrossi usually orders 100 Mums to sell on the night of the open house. Jen ordered the same 100. leftover flowers can be sold to teachers next day. Mums are delivered here. Teachers might provide child care to ensure that people can attend.

14. Fundraising.

Wheel of Fortune- Started Facebook group over covid. online raffle. Raffle off limited entry. really successful last year will continue it again this year. More volunteers are always welcome.

Direct Donations- Stef H. it is an option for families. Students will receive a paper to bring home describing this program.

Box Tops- not that successful because the program is on an app. Bar code just needs to be scanned. Download the BoxTops App. Maybe imbed video into Dearborns weekly email.

Apparel-There is a volunteer to run this program. Information should be ready at the next meeting.

Providence Bruins- Volunteer needed to run this program. This is a fun family night to watch a Providence Bruins game.

In school events. School store- might be able to run this year. Dearborn working out details to let this happen. Tina and Krissa usually run this. Volunteers still might be needed.

Monster Mash- Halloween party dance held here at the Boyden School. Volunteers are needed for this event. Masked event. All events could be cancelled at any time due to Covid. Trunk or treat instead of indoor Monster Mash.

Holiday Breakfast and shop- gift baskets, kids did own shopping. Katie Diggin and Katie Domineau have volunteered to participate.

15. School supply kits- Ali Lydon partners with a school supply company to get supplies for the kids. Teachers picked out what the students need. \$20-\$32 with 10% off. We could mark up the kits and make more money from this fundraiser. Sign by September 30th. Ali will sign contract to make this happen for next year.

16. Dearborn- Started 383 students. 25 more students than last year. The new students are made up of brand new families and kindergarten families. This year there are 4 kindergarten classrooms and 3 classrooms in other grade. This allows there to be between 15-16 students in each kindergarten classroom. The lunchroom is set up with desks instead of tables. Students are split to insure social distancing with 1/2 eat in cafeteria and 1/2 eating in classroom. Recess used to be in cohorts, now they

can play with anyone in their grade. Change to the schedule this year- Boyden is on a 4 days schedule. Rotates every 4 days to ensure students get opportunities to see all of their "specials" throughout the week. Boyden has two counselors this year. The Superintendent has made sure that each elementary school has two counselors in it.

Meeting closes 8:50

Next meeting Wednesday October 13th at 7pm.