

Boyden PAC Meeting Notes
January 10, 2024 7:00pm
Co-Chairs: Julie Hassler and Lisa Conroy
Treasurers: Kelly Artamonov and Kristen Jefferies
Secretary: Elitsa Molles

- **Treasurer report – Kelly A**
 - Kelly A taking over from Kristen J as PAC treasurer
 - No check from cultural grant for Chinese acrobats yet
 - Field trip: another check for 5th grade trip to Patriot Hall, ~ \$2000
 - Holiday shop and breakfast generated ~ \$4000
 - Walpole Wheel: with holiday raffles, close to year profit goal already!
 - Magnets and ornaments generated about \$50
 - Holiday sing-a-long: not a fundraiser, free
 - \$5000 supplied for patio and a sum moved to Sunshine Fund
 - Platforms to transition things smoother proposed

- **New platform options – Kelly A**
 - Entering data manually, generating monthly reports, accounting for cash/venmo time-consuming, human error
 - Platforms available for PACs specifically
 - On those platforms you can donate, volunteer, create sign ups, have a friendship directory all in one place
 - Friendship directory filter options – show only some information to some users
 - Easier to pass down the role and more secure
 - Make account to join PAC for a specific event, saves your information/donations, helps with personal taxes, reminders, etc., opts out families of 6th graders
 - Money Minder and Cheddar Up
 - Future Fund – made by former PAC presidents, free
 - Elm street school uses a third option
 - Don't want to take away venmo, cash usage convenience but more organized, less work for people joining in
 - In contact with Elm chair about other events, will discuss this as well
 - Will credit card fees deter people?
 - Wheel will remain separate with venmo; use venmo just for Wheel
 - Also try to avoid paying tax as non-profit to offset some of credit card fee costs

- **Cultural events – Kelly A**
 - Chinese acrobatics
 - Looking for second act this year – not much
 - If anyone has ideas – contact Kelly
 - The Brain Show – Principal Dearborn – received well by students in the past
 - Kari Denitzio - Professional storyteller Len Cabral might be able to come, has done virtual storytelling in Boyden during COVID, Kari will connect Kelly with him

- **Fundraising updates – Amanda H**
 - Driveway W fundraiser – Amanda H waiting to hear back
 - Basketball skills clinic: Amanda H reached out to Walpole High school basketball coaches for girls and boys – they can come to Boyden and offer a 3-week clinic, once a week for 1 hour after school in April; they will offer clinic to 3rd-5th grade, use hoops inside and outdoors and set up stations, captains and other players will help out; \$20 per student and a maximum number of students for each grade; time donated, all student fees = profit
 - Amanda to reach back out to Walpole High and find out maximum number of students per grade, best days and times, whether Boyden parent volunteers needed too, whether they would offer the clinic in fall if it is successful

- **Walpole Wheel of Fortune – Ali L**
 - Restart after holiday with weekly schedule, more raffles around Valentine’s Day

- **Teacher appreciation updates – Julie H**
 - Breakfast for staff and new toaster in December
 - Teacher cart filled with snacks in January
 - PAC will do something for the teachers in February for Valentine’s Day. Ideas?
 - Sugar scrub/self-care, donation to American Heart Association in their name, chair massages (Chill Juice Bar, Sarah Barry)
 - Principal Dearborn is bringing in a coffee truck already at the end of January
 - March – conferences, PAC will deliver a Chateau dinner
 - April – snack cart will be refilled
 - May – Teacher Appreciation Week

- **Combined elementary event – Lisa C**
 - Amanda H thinking about a basketball game for all schools, each school represented by teachers, each PAC to have a table to sell merchandise, Elm would host event at their gym, event to bring whole community together
 - Will there be a gym big enough for that?
 - There will be a 5th grade basketball tournament, where all fifth graders will come together and participate in teams, students from different schools mixed together to interact before coming together in the new middle school, in June, 1A fields – learn from that!
 - Flag football outdoors in the high school as an alternative?
 - Good way to get students to interact, create community
 - Discussion with other PACs how to get people involved
 - How to create unified middle school spirit – webinars for parents in next couple months
 - Elementary schools working closely with principal Carrie Ruggiero, counselors and former Boyden students to talk to 5th graders and answer any questions

- **Providence Bruins – Kari D, Lisa C**
 - Need to pick a date
 - Kari will follow up

- March 3, March 16, March 23, **March 24**, April 6
- Sunday, March 24, at 3:05 pm is the preferred option
- **METCO sponsored outing – Kari D**
 - How to include METCO students at Boyden (15 in total), who do not live in Walpole?
 - Kari met with Walpole METCO director who is planning a bowling outing for METCO and other kids, wants to start with just one elementary school
 - Bowling at Kings in Dedham, March 8, 80 people, \$3500 with lanes reserved for 2 hours and food/drink (pizza/wings) included
 - Can PAC cosponsor? The event will be free for the students
 - Register ahead of time, limit number of students, reserve 15 slots for the METCO students
 - A teacher will coordinate travel from Boyden and back
 - Hope families will be there to connect
 - Kari will reach back to say Boyden is interested and check on maximum number of students, starts a sign-up, etc.
- **Parents Night Out – Elitsa M**
 - January 19, Napper Tandy's, 7-10 pm
 - DJ Aly secured, gift cards, walk with Rebel, police ride to school as raffles
 - Purchased some food, reserved 3 pool tables, semiprivate space downstairs, karaoke upstairs
 - \$20/pp, venmo in advance
 - We need 60 people to attend come out even, 21 so far
 - Please spread the word, share on social media!
 - Elitsa will send Principal Dearborn an updated shorter blurb, with sign by date
- **Someone Special dance – Elitsa M**
 - On the half day, 2/9, 6:30-8, doors open at 6:15
 - Elitsa has a "save the date" ready to go out
 - Meeting with group next Wednesday (1/17) and will have sign-up genius for food donations, volunteers and the flyer/"save the date" for next week's s' more
 - DJ secured, Sean Cady will donate time and take pictures – how to best do that?
 - Can Sean print pictures or is that too complicated? Or take pictures and then post a link with all the photos
 - Include a waiver at event/virtual space with link for those who do not want their pictures online
- **Virtual meetings – Lisa C**
 - Elm does it, usually up to 20 people will join online, good results
 - Principal Dearborn will contact Nancy Carroll to discuss/set up
 - Will try it during the PAC's March meeting
 - Positives: people can participate if new or intimidated, no childcare, sickness, etc.; negatives: will people come if there is a virtual option, will that interfere with community-building, will those online be able to participate fully?

- **Docent - Stef H**
 - Presentations happening, Egyptian art presented in 3rd grade, Sargent presented for 4th grade, American art presented to 5th grade

- **Principal updates**
 - Report cards will be posted on Aspen on February 9th
 - Battle of the Books is back for 3-5th grade!
 - Mrs. Moses organizing it despite larger new role as media/STEM
 - Might need PAC funding
 - Snack portion likely covered by food department
 - Part of curriculum, every student in 3rd-5th will be on a team; champions will be declared for each grade
 - Great as students read a lot and asked for the return of the Battle of the Books themselves!
 - Student Council is collecting different items from each grade for the Confetti Foundation, which sponsors birthday parties for children in the hospital; the Council will add some birthday cards as well
 - Student Council will come up with another spirit day for the end of the month

Important Dates:

- Parents Night Out - January 19, 2024
- School Store - February 2, 2024
- Someone Special Dance/Half Day - February 9, 2024
- **The next PAC meeting will be held on February 15, THURSDAY, 2024 at 7:00pm**

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