

**Boyden PAC Meeting Notes**  
**October 11, 2023 7:00pm**  
**Co-Chairs: Julie Hassler and Lisa Conroy**  
**Treasurers: Kelly Artamonov and Kristen Jefferies**  
**Secretary: Elitsa Molles**

- **Treasurer Report - Kristen and Kelly**
  - State Street donation to Docent for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip to De Cordova sculpture museum
  - PAC will be contributing \$5/student for the field trip and transferring \$500 from the State Street donation to the OPR docent field trip fund
  - Direct donations to date equal \$2,505
  - \$300 profit from mum sale at Open House, all mums were sold
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Wheel raffle brought in \$500
  - Negative: school store as supplies were purchased
  - Budget approved
  
- **Scholastic Book Fair – Mrs. Moses, Elizabeth Caressimo**
  - The Fair is back for the first time since 2018
  - Exciting opportunity as promotes literacy, highlights popular books among students for families
  - Scholastic popular publisher with many popular titles and variety of price points, ACORN and BRANCHES series for new readers
  - The students will browse during STEM/Media special and make a wish list of 3-5 titles with guidance; families will purchase from the wish list when they come for parent-teacher conferences, students will not have to bring money to school
  - Difficulty with virtual conferences during this experimental year, need to encourage families to still come and purchase from the Fair even if signed up for virtual conferences
  - Need volunteers to help students create wish lists, as well as to help during the three nights of the actual Fair
  - A sign-up genius will circulate soon after book arrival details are finalized with Scholastic
  - To advertise: post on social media, Principal weekly update, have flyers from Scholastic to send back home with the students
  - PAC point people can help reach out to each grade's teachers to publicize event
  - Home page for online purchases set up which will extend after physical fair; online purchases do not yield same profit margin for school but a great option for those who cannot physically attend
  - Print out for students to fill out wish list is ready, will come home with the student
  - E-wallet, put money for book purchases there, left over amount remains for future purchases
  - Teacher wish lists for their classroom; parents can purchase from those as well
  
- **Cultural Events - Kelly A.**
  - Tentative date for first cultural event is December 22: traditional Chinese acrobats
  - Mass Cultural Council application is due next week, so events need to be scheduled to apply for a grant, Kelly A working on it

- Kelly would like to set up another program for the spring
- She is meeting with Nova and Renuka in November to expand programming for the next school year
- Contact Kelly if you can think of any other opportunities
- **Diwali**
  - Be Inclusive Walpole is hosting their annual Diwali event on Nov 4 at the Walpole Council on Aging
  - The event is free, but tickets should be reserved in advance and attendees can pre-purchase a plate of food
  - Lots of exciting performances and activities, great food, excellent event
- **Outdoor Patio**
  - Amy Alexander and Dave Lazzaro are donating money in memory of their father who passed away to build a new outdoor patio for teachers and students
  - During the last meeting, the PAC voted to donate \$5000 from the playground fund towards the project
  - MF Landscaping is completing the project for free but needs to be reimbursed for materials (~\$9,000)
  - Space selected by Mr. Dearborn, about 900 sq ft
  - Co-chairs met with Mike to determine timeline, funding
  - The PAC would need to raise another \$2000 towards the project
  - Proposal to revive the donate-a-brick fundraiser where families purchase bricks
  - Entire space dedicated to Mr. Lazzaro, but patio can be bordered by the bricks purchased by Boyden families or alums
  - Each brick will cost \$125-150, profit of \$100/brick
  - Bricks take 12 weeks to inscribe
  - Mike can start excavation shortly, but will likely wait until spring to begin project until brick interest is gauged
  - Project will take place on weekends, will last few weekends
  - If many families want to buy a brick, is there an alternative space?
  - Katie Diggins has extra bricks with paperwork to use for the fundraiser
  - Fundraiser approved, Lisa will reach out and provide 2-week deadline for families to purchase bricks, can use Tina Shaughnessy and Bird Middle School and WHS PACS to advertise to alumni
  - Amy Alexander will think about how to best dedicate the patio
- **School Store – Lisa**
  - Friday 10/13 first school store planned and stores planned for November and December
  - All proceeds from next few school stores will be going to the Sunshine Fund to help a family with acute need
- **School Kits - Lisa**
  - Expensive
  - Lisa is researching alternatives but will compare in January when current supplier reveals prices
  - Lisa to confirm school supply list for each grade and make sure list consistent across platforms where it is advertised

- Can kits be purchased without pricy headphones, headphones as add-on?
- **Fundraising Updates – Jenn Gosselin, Ali Lydon**
  - Principal Dearborn will send a reminder to finalize orders and bring any physical forms and money by Friday, 10/13, for the cookie fundraiser
  - \$8,000 in orders so far, profit will be confirmed after orders finalized
  - Some of profits to patio project?
  - Once orders closed, a date for deliveries will be set
  - Charge for delivery and provide these funds for patio?
  - Jenn will reach out to those who ordered to ask about delivery option
  - First Wheel went great
  - Next Wheel fundraiser will include spooky Halloween items
  - Aiming for a raffle once a week, six people on the Wheel team will rotate, each organizing a raffle in turn, to take place on either Wednesday or Thursday every week
  - A holiday blitz will be added
  - Wheel volunteers will reach out to PAC to publicize upcoming raffles on PAC social media
  - New ideas for Wheel raffle items welcome
- **Teacher Appreciation updates – Julie and Elitsa**
  - Julie filled teacher snack cart late September, cart will be refilled once a month
  - PAC will cater dinner for teachers during conferences, on Wednesday, 10-25, at 5 pm, from Chateau
  - Elizabeth will be reaching out to Poirier, as well as Home Depot for a teacher lounge fridge donation or discount
  - Can the fridge be funded by cookie or donate-a brick fundraiser?
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Shirts – Ali L**
  - PAC donates a shirt to each 5<sup>th</sup> grader to wear during clap-out
  - Last year vendor changed from Wally to Run House, as Wally only had adult sizes, limited materials
  - Run House has more flexibility, cheaper if youth sizes available, ships to you directly
  - Ali will get back to Wally and Run House and compare offers
- **Trunk or Treat - Alissa**
  - Need more trunks!
  - Indicate that if not enough volunteers to have trunks by 10/20, the event will be cancelled
  - Share last year's FB post with pictures of trunks to inspire families
  - Send flyers about the event in student folders (Lisa/Julie will update flyer with cut-off date and send to school secretaries)
  - Mr. Dearborn will bump up event in his weekly update
  - Point people will ask teachers to share the flyer, sign-up genius and cut-off date for trunk volunteers with each grade
  - Attendees will be encouraged to Venmo entry fee in advance, the week of the event
- **Holiday Breakfast/Shop**
  - Pop-up holiday shop instead of purchasing items for shop individually

- Believe in Kids runs pop-up shop, sends pre-labeled items, cash registers, table cloths, so on
- Lisa expecting a first delivery by next Monday
- Left over merchandise shipped back for no fee
- PAC will use this shop and run it for no profit
- Profit will be made from raffles and other portions of the event
  
- **Holiday Sing-Along**
  - Pre-COVID tradition
  - Mr. Dearborn will ask music teachers if they want to run the event again
  - Erica Burdon will help run the event and the PAC can organize the event without the teachers, if needed
  
- **Friendship Directory:**
  - 107 students, 72 families signed up so far
  - Advertise again
  - Information public on PAC website
  
- **Beautification Committee: Alissa K**
  - Committee weeded, will do mulching and flowers
  - Conroy family will work on the Boyden sign
  
- **Docent: Stef Hollister**
  - Second grade trip to De Cordova museum scheduled for 10/20
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> graders first lessons scheduled for this week
  
- **Principal Updates**
  - Please sign up for parent-teacher conferences
  - Picture day is on October 18, individual and class photos will be taken, please purchase via form sent home or online
  - Principal Dearborn is bringing back the Student Council, comprised of 2 students from each 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade class
  - 24 members were elected by their peers through an anonymous vote after a discussion about leadership, helping the Boyden community
  - Another 12 members will be elected in a second round of peer voting later in the year
  - Council members will meet every few weeks, organize spirit days once a month and plan 1-2 service projects for the community like helping at an animal shelter or can collections
  - Great way for students to work with Mr. Dearborn, have a voice at the school, share theirs and their peers' ideas

**Thank you for coming! Please reach out to us with any questions or agenda items.  
The next PAC meeting will be held on November 8, 2023**

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