

Boyden PAC Meeting Notes
November 8, 2023 7:00pm
Co-Chairs: Julie Hassler and Lisa Conroy
Treasurers: Kelly Artamonov and Kristen Jefferies
Secretary: Elitsa Molles

- **Treasurer Report - Kristen and Kelly**
 - 50% deposit was made for December 22 cultural event
 - Purchases of fridge for teacher's lounge and dinner for October conferences (\$1400)
 - All annual reports filed this month: taxes, AG and raffle permits (fees in misc. expenses)
 - Raffle permit approved for one year
 - More direct donations came in
 - Trunk or treat tickets generated over \$2000 (no expenses)
 - \$162 back from school supply kit
 - \$1300 profit from raffles
 - Sub-funds - \$1000 for November school store, proceeds from October school store to Sunshine funds and to a Boyden family
 - \$98 moved into school store funds from PAC fund to keep it at zero
 - \$250 donation to another Walpole Family who lost their mom
 - Sunshine Fund is empty, approved transfer from PAC fund to replenish to \$1000

- **Cultural Events: Kelly**
 - December 22: 2 performances at 1 pm and 2 pm for K-2nd grade, 3-5th grade
 - "Coffee meeting" to barnstorm large spring event

- **School Store: Lisa**
 - November 17th and then December 15
 - Mr. Dearborn will update the PAC on whether proceeds needed for the Sunshine Fund again

- **Fundraising Updates: Tracey Robinson and Amanda Harris**
 - There is room for more people to join the Fundraising Committee
 - Lots of ideas for the year and for next year
 - Great Wolf Lodge donation: if PAC spends \$300 on gift certificate, the Lodge would donate a \$400 value 1-night stay for up to 5 and 5 water park tickets – use for Wheel?
 - Read-a-thon; March madness event at high school
 - Holidays ideas: gift card script fundraiser (need to determine which one of many options works, ask Dan at ECDC); Walpole Bulldog themed holiday offering: car magnets, 100 for \$1.80 each – sell for \$5; or shatterproof ornaments or drawstring backpacks, Crack gibbet –have bulldog or paw ones, no bulk rate but 25% coupon, cost \$3.50 each when you purchase 100, sell for \$6
 - Pura Vida bracelets, but 3-5 week ship time – too long

- Gift wrapping fundraiser were parents volunteer time on a Saturday to wrap holiday presents
 - Wreath making moms nights out, ~\$65/person – social with wine at American Italian Club; Colleen’s crafts – Norfolk to do wreaths?! Room for free at restaurant and order food and drinks; Lisa Faire (crafting with Lisa)
 - Visit from Santa fundraiser, \$15 – Santa comes to your house, Amanda to photograph
 - Boyden Polar Express: \$10,000 made by OPR in a similar event, rented trolleys, drive around Walpole neighborhoods to view the holiday lights for 30 minutes, hot cocoa, blankets, 4 hours of it total, get t-shirts, candy canes, mingle, etc.
 - Bring change from home contest – whichever class fills jar first gets a prize like movie during class, for example
 - Talent show at end of year
 - Basketball clinic – April, every Tuesday for 1 hour, at Boyden, with Walpole high basketball coaches, they’d volunteer time , 4th and 5th only
 - Chairs to meet with committee and pick a few realistic fundraisers, reassess and include more of the ideas next year
 - Start with magnets, ornaments, gift cards
- **Minted Fundraiser: Stef H.;** there is a code for Boyden when purchasing from Minted, discount and % goes to Boyden, Stef H will follow up with Shutterfly for a similar offer
- **Baked Goods Fundraiser: Jenn G.**
 - Goods will arrive at frozen holding spot on November 13, Jenn will be contacted to set up delivery date, likely next week, to Boyden
 - Jenn to reach out to parents using email addresses or other contact they provided online and on forms to let them know that a 1-hour pick up window will be set-up for pick-up at Boyden
 - Alternatively goods can be delivered to people’s homes for a fee (\$5 or \$10), with proceeds going to patio project
 - Special circumstances will be accommodated (reach out to Mr. Dearborn)
 - Information to be placed in this week’s s’more and publicized on social media
 - Jenn to send out a google doc with delivery/pick-up options
- **Teacher Appreciation: Julie and Elitsa**
 - Teacher snack cart filled last day of September, November 8
 - PAC provided Chateau dinner during conferences
 - PAC purchased fridge for teachers’ lounge, asking teachers for other desired improvements
 - Requests include laminator, toaster, ice maker
 - October was a large spending month
 - PAC will provide a breakfast or another smaller appreciation gift in December and will refill cart again in January
 - Icemaker to be gifted during Teacher appreciation week, along with one day of food related items; more longer-lasting items
 - Other ideas for May?

- Post to Boyden community: do people have older toasters or other wish list items to donate?
 - Amazon wish list for teachers – active if people want to directly purchase from there (as long as those are not curriculum-related items)
 - Amazon wish list for snacks? – Bird and OPR have that: people can sign up and buy K-cups or water and ship to PAC volunteer to restock teacher cart to offset costs
- **Parents Night Out: Elitsa**
 - Potential dates include January 12 and January 19, January 12 long weekend
 - Looking at locations at Patriots Place: Howl at the Moon, Muse, Crazy Axes, Bar Louie
 - Muse can accommodate 40-45, pricing \$40-55 per person; too small and pricey?
 - Waiting on details for other venues
 - Looking for informal event to create community rather than fundraiser
 - Expecting 50-75 people
 - Another event in spring at TopGolf to accommodate male Boyden community members
 - Final event of the year: comedy night, wreath or sign making, pub crawl
- **Holiday sing-a-long: Lisa**
 - Erica Burdon and Chrissa Kasselis organizing it instead of Mrs. Cassani
 - December 18, 6-7:30 in cafeteria: move given this is a home Patriots game?
 - Piano player Dianne who did it pre-COVID will participate, but limited schedule
 - Little funds needed from PAC fund: \$250 for gift cards for piano player, supplies
 - Water, juice, candy canes, jingle bells provided to families, popcorn donated by 99 restaurant
 - Free fun holiday event, PAC will pay for expenses
 - 15 minutes singing, 15 minutes food, 30 minutes holiday movie
 - Remind parents that they are responsible for their children
 - Mr. Dearborn will be present and help with setting up projector screen and microphone
 - If pianist is not available, can just use speaker and slides with words and decorations provided by Mrs. Cassani
 - Chrissa looking into a high school pianist as an alternative
- **Holiday Breakfast/Shop: Erica, Ali, Lisa**
 - Erica met with Kevin about the pop-up shop: very hands off, only have to use a specific app to track purchases
 - Don't get charged until after the shop, few weeks later, only charged for what is sold and rest gets shipped back for free
 - Volunteers need the app, bring ipads to use it, can run reports for next year and know how much and what to purchase/order
 - 412 students enrolled at Boyden, better overshoot in terms of items this year
 - Can also order extra Pats/Bruins items, add that to the app, those won't be listed as part of inventory

- Catalog of items decent and updated constantly
 - Item delivery 3-4 days before the shop, about 9-12 boxes
 - Ship those to Boyden, ship extras to volunteers' houses
 - Lots of items from last year – use for school store?
 - Grade raffles going well and 1st and 5th completely done; this year monetary donations and volunteers will purchase items with them; K and 4th have gaps
 - More volunteers needed for the event itself, as well as food items (condense food list for those who missed the second page of the signup genius?)
 - Go through decorations and purchase missing items
 - 3 groups: shop, raffle baskets, breakfast
 - Needed now are to get volunteers, publicize the event!
- **Apparel: Kelly C**
 - The store open and likely will remain open throughout the year
 - Can ask for orders by a certain date if want items by the holidays
 - **Sweetheart Dance: Elitsa**
 - No update
 - Need to set up date and secure DJ – Elitsa will reach out to DJ Ally
 - **Docent: Stef H.**
 - 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are having their presentations this month
 - **Principal Updates**
 - The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success and raised \$9000! 50% of those go to the Boyden Media center and classrooms, books and other items
 - Huge thanks to/from Mrs. Moses and Elizabeth Caressimo
 - Thank you to the Conroy Family for fixing the Boyden Sign and Kehoe and Kennedy families who beautified/landscaped the school
 - Winner for police car raffle from Trunk or Treat was drawn: Grace Teahan!

**Thank you for coming! Please reach out to us with any questions or agenda items.
There is no PAC meeting in December. The next PAC meeting will be held on January 10,
2023.**

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