

**Boyden PAC Meeting Notes**  
**March 13, 2024 7:00pm**  
**Co-Chairs: Julie Hassler and Lisa Conroy**  
**Treasurers: Kelly Artamonov and Kristen Jefferies**  
**Secretary: Elitsa Molles**

● **Approve Treasurer report: Kristen J**

- \$900 for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip
- \$700 for staff conferences dinner
- Remaining costs for Sweetheart dance – photos and supplies
- Sub funds: \$600 surplus for school store purchases
- Sunshine fund donations to staff members: PAC voted for 2x \$250
- Budget approved

● **Cultural Events: Lisa C**

- Break out students into smaller groups for more intimate experience
- Puppets for K-1<sup>st</sup> grade
- Len Cabral one session for 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade and another session for 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade
- This Friday: Irish step dancers from Harney, 10 am, some students from Boyden are part of the dance crew
- Ask for \$200 donation to the dance school

● **5th Grade Updates: Marissa F, Elitsa M, Elizabeth C, Ali L, Kelly C**

- Party booked for Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>, Hometown Arcade, 6-8 pm, private event
- Committee will provide favors, food, décor
- Raised \$1500 so far, another fundraiser running, will likely run another
- Even though PAC purchases and Mr. Dearborn presents 5<sup>th</sup> graders with a school gift, some ideas and research by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade committee:
  - Looked into yearbooks (hard to get pictures, represent all students equally); towels (too expensive, \$40)
  - Get sweatshirts from Day Street (Elizabeth C) - \$25, just to say Walpole, Principal Dearborn can help collect sizes when sizes are collected for clap-out t-shirts or field day t-shirts
- Spring picture day pictures include a picture of whole grade outside – Mr. Dearborn can make a photocopy to incorporate in party gift by Committee
- Mr. Dearborn will help send party information and waiver to all fifth graders, will reach out to families to figure out why they did not reply, will help anyone with transport, fee, so on
- RSVPs usually hard with last moment sports events
- Good week for graduation party with June 4 (5) = all-town 5<sup>th</sup> grade field day, June 7 = 5<sup>th</sup> grade concert
- Will Kelly Crabbe be able to do the clap-out tees – they were done with Run House last year?
- Ali Lydon has the stencil dimensions for the 23 from last year for students to sign, Mr. Dearborn can send that to Mrs. Marinelli to turn into a 24 for this year
- Run House have kid sizes which will reduce cost, or is Day Street cheaper?

- **Field Day: Kellee S, Kelly C**
  - Kelly Crabbe did both the t-shirts for field day and clap-out last year, is Day Street cheaper than Run House?
  - Order the field day shirts from Run House as did it last year, they will match the colors, they are cheaper if in bulk, have a promotion, reached out to Kelly C
  - Need to start contest for the design for the field day t-shirt among fifth graders
  - Kelly C started it during April vacation last year
  - How to manage volunteers who only volunteer for field day?
  - Have an open volunteer list and then reserve best slots for those who regularly contribute to PAC?
  - Publicize volunteer opportunity sign-up in weekly update before it opens so people are aware and plan ahead
  - Lots of opportunities to volunteer for 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents who can volunteer for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade only field day along with the all-Boyden field day
  
- **Providence Bruins Game: Lisa C**
  - 200 available seats, 134 tickets sold
  - Flyer came home in folders this week
  
- **Fundraising Updates (Jibbitz, Broderick's): Lisa C, Jess B, Tracey R, Stef H, Kellee S**
  - Jibbitz: 100 each of W (for Walpole) and paw Jibbitz, ordered online – online store will be set up: Tracey Robinson
  - Jess Buss: Broderick's gymnastics: open gym March 22, \$20/child of which \$12 goes back to Boyden School, 1-3:30 pm on the half day, 40 kid limit, link will be sent for the waiver
  - **Wheel of Fortune:** starting next Wednesday again, then a full week of raffles for Mother's day
  - Kristen J will find out how to deal with paperwork for Wheel, whether there a limit on raffles per year as new online system asks for a specific date for each raffle and related tax paperwork after each raffle
  - One form for each month with last day of the month as a date?
  - Keep Venmo just for Wheel
  - Discuss everything with Kelly A and make a decision on how to file properly
  - Jess Buss: Impact martial arts studio can organize an open gym where 100% of profit goes back to Boyden, OPR did it
  
- **Basketball Clinic: Amanda H, Lisa C**
  - All set for the two days of basketball clinic in April
  - 49 total enrolled, 45 for the first session, only 4 for the second session
  - Will open second session for those already signed up for the first session
  - Mr. Dearborn to send information in s'more
  - A fall session will be available for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders
  
- **Boyden Beautification Day: Kristen J**
  - Cleanup event to coincide with town-wide clean-up, which is April 6 this year

- Last year: supplies like bags and pickers were left at the back door in Boyden and students and families were encouraged to get and use them to clean up on their own; supplies were used!
- Year before that: cleanup and some snacks at the school, not that well attended
- Last year: Earth Day contest, 90 kids participated, flyer with information went in folders: “what is something nice you did for the earth?”, draw or write a response – 2 winners were selected for each grade and \$25 Park Street Books gift certificate given to each winner
- Kristen will send out a flyer and leave clean-up supplies for students for April 6
- Kristen J can organize a similar Earth Day contest and is looking for ideas for prize donations – Stef H will check with Barnes and Noble

● **Teacher Appreciation Updates: Julie H**

- PAC provided staff dinner on the first day of conferences: March 6
- April – Elitsa will fill the teacher’s cart
- May is Teacher Appreciation Week
- Julie H is collecting supply donations in bin next to front office or those can be sent to her house, she has publicized teachers’ wish list
- Supplies are still needed and any extras will be placed in a supply closet at the front office
- EXPO markets really needed, as is hand sanitizer
- Will need additional donations for the week in May, so no Venmo contributions are asked for this drive

● **Running Club – Paula will run Running Club and take over from Erica B**

- 4 week session, one in spring and one in fall
- Burdon family used to coach students, teach them basics of running, run exercises and drills for one hour for four Thursdays
- Different maximum number of students each time, 130 was the largest group
- Paula will cap students at 75, no waitlist this spring
- T-shirt will be included with payment for the spring session
- \$25 for the first student, discount for the second if siblings enrolled as well
- Paula will keep it similar this first time: same website, t-shirts provided, lots of parent volunteers needed to run the Club
- Registration will be open for 1 week in April before April break
- The session starts May 16, runs for 4 Thursdays
- Can PAC refund parent volunteers? Will brainstorm additional ideas if not enough parent volunteers

● **All-PAC Meeting Insights: Lisa C, Kelly A, Julie H**

- How to get volunteers, especially ones to run events?
- Offer half price for children if volunteers; offer free drink at PNO
- Should PAC remove some events if not enough volunteers (ex. Trunk or Treat)?
- Reward volunteers – somehow with field day sign-up: complicated as field day is a school and not a PAC event

- Send email at end of year to tell people which events might be removed if no volunteers
- Ask parents/friends what is precluding them from participating?
- Include information about everything that PAC accomplished and exactly where parents' money going in weekly update as parents simply don't know
- Have large flyer with all the events PAC organizes all year at the beginning of the year/Open House
- Publicize rough schedule and opportunities to volunteer at the beginning of the year – sign up genius, google doc, new platform, along with Direct donation
- New platform where parents can both donate and sign up to volunteer for or run events with automated reminders – Zeffy
- Mention that PAC funds a field trip on the permission slip, for example, to publicize everything that PAC organizes
- Bring a friend to a PAC meeting, get a \$5 Starbucks gift card
- Run a raffle for those who volunteer or attend meetings regularly at the end of the year , reward with donated gift card or service by local business
- Moms' pub crawl for regular volunteers: June 7, Patriots Place

● **Docent: Stef H**

- Looking for 1<sup>st</sup> grade volunteers for Mrs. Arnold's and Mrs. Ahearn's classes
- March presentations going successfully
- Jackie D will be doing orientation and organizing 1<sup>st</sup> grade presentations in April

● **Principal Updates: Mr. Dearborn**

- Julie Hassler spearheading patio outdoor learning area project: the project should be done next week!
- Playground update: the rubber ground needs to be replaced after 11 years of use, 2 quotes, would likely be assigned to capital budget which town covers due to the large cost; will hopefully be updated this summer
- Ceiling leaks being addressed, if a new roof is needed, capital budget, addressed by the town this summer

**Thank you for coming! Please reach out to us with any questions or agenda items.**

**The next PAC meeting will be held on April 10, 2024 at 7:00pm.**

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