

Welcome to the first Boyden PAC meeting of the school year!

Tara Dwyer, PAC President, Opened the meeting at 7-

Very pleased to see a packed house at the PAC meeting tonight!

Tara welcomed everyone and had brief introductions.

PAC Treasurer report: PAC treasurer Tina Shaughnessy was unable to make the meeting tonight so she dropped off the Treasurers report for Tara earlier.

Tara gave a general overview of the report. Expenses and etc. Explanation of Direct Donation. Fundraisers from last year brought in a bunch of money. First Fundraiser this school year will be held Sunday September 16th at the Patriot tavern. Motion to approve treasurers report- Approved and seconded.

Friendship directory update-Our friendship directory is 100% online. The PAC has subscribed to the myschoolanywhere.com website to host our directory. This directory is private and only Boyden Families can access it with a passcode. Mr. Dearborn will send out another reminder about enrolling for the directory and the passcode.

Conversation about social media- Tara is looking to find out who has the password for our facebook account so she will be able to reach out to families via facebook as well.

Running Club- Erica Burton is the lead on this. New season of the after school running club will start soon. The Running club could use some more volunteers to make the groups smaller. No running experience needed to help at the running club. Inquired about a speaker to play music and a mic to make it so the kids can all see her. 65 kids are signed up now. 10-11 kids to a group.

Fun Run - Kellie- Also would love more volunteers. The Boyden Fun Run is scheduled for October 13th. There will be a tot trot, a 1 mile run and a 5K. In addition to the races, there will also be a DJ and some food donated. Kellie is looking into having a Ninja Warrior Gym come out as well. On Race day there will be an 8 am registration with races start at 9. Kellis is hoping everything is done by 10:30-11. Numbers are chips this year so they are officially kept online. everything is on the website. Routes

are online. Joe Grant has been helping but his football schedule might make it hard to help on race day. Kellie would love volunteers on race day and before the race as well.

Boyden Open house and Mum Sale- Kathy Falvey is the contact for this event. Boyden has been doing this for 15 years or more. During the Boyden Open house there are some mums for sale for families to buy the night of. Each Mum sold for \$15 a piece. Any volunteers willing to help with this event, please sign up Sept 25th. Also this is Kathy's last year having a student here at the Boyden School so anyone willing to take on this project will be greatly appreciated.

Monster Mash- Krissa Kaselis is the contact for this event. Krissa was not able to come to the PAC meeting tonight but wanted to relay that the Monster Mash will be Friday October 26th. Friday October 26th is a 1/2 day. The Monster Mash was a great success last year. Many families bought tickets in advance but tickets are also sold on the night of the party.

GUEST- School Committee Member Nancy Gallivan - School committee is going around to the elementary school PAC meetings to share information about the secondary school buildings in Walpole. The two middle schools are about 60 years old now. While they are clean and maintained they may be due for replacement. The school committee believes it is worth getting information about getting upgrades for these buildings. Walpole High School had a major renovation in the beginning of the 2000s more modern than the others but very crowded just the same. State of MA partners with cities and towns for buildings. Walpole has put in the paperwork for 3 years now to just bring in the state experts and architects to evaluate the buildings in broad spectrum. Walpole has applied three times for evaluation to the MSBA. The MSBA has approved the inquiry and will be coming out at the end of September to look at Bird and Johnson. At the fall town meeting the school committee will be requesting money from the town for a feasibility study. Which means if we are selected by the MSBA we need to get money together to have the full study done. Walpole will need to pay for a lot of the project upfront but will be reimbursed if the project gets approved. It will require an override if the project needs to go through. Many cities and towns tend to get the money through overrides. Generally overrides

for new school buildings seem to get support over the last couple of years. It would cost Walpole 1.5 million for the feasibility study. The study will take about a year. They will talk to the educator and find out what are some of the maintenance things coming up that you would need to spend money on if you don't make this investment. Look at land, school configurations. Suggestions of renovating Bird and Johnson vs combining both middle schools. 25% of the architectural drawings will come from this study. Time line totally dependent on the MSBA study. There is a lot of money in the MSBA. Dearborn explained that this is a good way to move forward for the Town of Walpole. Question about combining the two middle schools down the road. But this seems like it will happen at some point. Nancy said personally it seems like it would be combined at some point. Bigger schools seem to enforce rules more than the smaller schools. Financially this might be something to consider. Because of the time line Nancy wanted to stress that the elementary age children will benefit the most from these new buildings. If you would like to get in touch with them through Mr. Dearborn.

please e-mail schoolcommittee@walpole.k12.ma.us

Nancy also wanted to talk about the new anti bullying initiative the school committee has created. This began last spring at the end of the school year and the school committee has been working hard over the summer to listen to the different focus to hear concerns. If you want to come to the meetings please feel free to drop in. The school committee realizes its hard for people to join these meetings if you don't know people on the school committee so they wanted to spread the word. They are looking into another parent information night related to bullying with a broader umbrella which might include cyber bullying. If you have thoughts or ideas or talk to Mr. Dearborn. The groups are being formed right now there is a meeting tomorrow night (September 13, 2018) at 5:30 in the main meeting room of the Walpole town hall.

Kraft Train issue brought up to Nancy- concerns about children walking over the train tracks to get to school. Nancy informed us that the Board of Selectmen are working as a go between between the town and the MBTA. Talks of a Quiet zone. Our State Rep is also in contact with the MBTA. Another question about the train station in Walpole. The train was not scheduled to stop there. The Board of Selectmen are paying attention to the train. MBTA didn't realize that busses cross over Summer street multiple times a day.

The Boyden PAC thanks Nancy for coming out to our PAC meeting and informing us of all the School Committee is doing.

Boyden Fall Family picture fundraiser. There is a Parent at the Elm street school who is a photographer. They offered to donate their time and take photos as a fundraiser for the Boyden PAC. Will be booking photos soon through a sign up genius. The photographer is charging \$60 a session and \$30 is going back to Boyden PAC. If the initial day books up, she is willing to do another day. The Date for photos is October 21st. Need some volunteers to do money and help organize the families.

Scholastic book fair- Renee Campbell is the lead on this. The Scholastic book fair raises a bunch of money for PAC, in the past we have earned more than \$7000. This fair puts books into the teachers hands and the school library as well. Renee is looking for volunteers to come for preview days. On preview days, students are able to come into the book fair and make up "wish lists" for suggestions for their families. Families can shop the book fair during the days and evenings when teacher conferences are happening. Conference dates are October 24th and October 26 and Thursday November 1st. Scholastic delivers all of the things needed for the Book Fair a week before the 24th to be set up. Any one who would like to volunteer during school hours, Renee will try to pair you when your kids come to the fair.

Parents night out. Tina Shaughnessy is the contact for this event and Tara said she is still working on the night out details.

School supply kits- Ali Lydon is the contact for this fundraiser. This was the first year this was run. Raised over \$1300. Ali and Mr. Dearborn agreed to run this again next year. Almost 40% of the school enrollment participated. Bulk items might be distributed a little more even next year. VIP rooms can also make a wish list for this.

Wine tasting event. Sarah Barry works for a wine distributor and would be willing to run a fundraiser for the Boyden. Sarah can work with a distributor for a one time event. 20-30 people. Tasting 8 wines- 1-2 oz. Monday or Tuesday would be easier.- best time maybe beginning of November. Sarah would like to move quickly to book something for this. She will be calling around to different locations to see where they

could host.

Open positions for Boyden PAC positions. Tara said the open positions are listed on the website.

School council update- Mr. Dearborn. The school council will work to generate the school improvement plan. Two parent representatives needed to be on this council. Not a large commitment- meet only 6 times a year right after school. Please contact Mr. Dearborn if you are interested.

Cultural Arts- Shivaun Brenizer. Open to suggestions for this school year. Conversation and suggestions of ideas such as sharks, health and safety week and cultural diversity. Mr. Dearborn said there is an author coming back this year as well.

Docent update. Jill Texteria gave general overview of the Walpole docent program. Upcoming events for the docents are the October 19th Decordova field trip. Conversation about the time commitment to be a docent. This docent program covers grade 1st - 5th grade.

Impact Martial arts wants to do an after school Karate class. He would be sending more information to the school. Personal Best Karate already comes into the school. We could offer it after Personal Best if they would want to do it in the spring.

Harney Irish Step will also do an after school.

Principal Talk: Mr. Dearborn- Boyden school now has 343 students- 58 new kindergarten-11 new students.

7 new staff members- Guidance, School Nurse, Media, Special ed, Math Coach, VIP teacher and a new ELA coordinator.

Two new things in classrooms this year- Foundations FUN Phonics spelling and handwriting curriculum. Lots of fluency comprehension.

Online program Freckle. Online platform grades 2-5. Students take pre assessment and then the program gets customized for each student. On Freckle there are such things as decodable readers and online assignments. Three times a year student take

a benchmark test.

Mr. Dearborn said everything is going really well for the beginning of the year. Heat made the first week a little tough but everyone did great.

Kindergarten 1/2 day is included into the full day classrooms. Price is \$3000 for full day kindergarten. Highest class size is 20. 256 family messengers.

Smaller elementary school makes it possible to make small classrooms. Doesn't impact the funding of our school.

Closed at 8:35

Minutes submitted by Shivaun Brenizer