

VIRTUAL PAC MEETING JANUARY 2020

Tara opens the meeting at 7:02

Greetings! Happy New Year from the Boyden PAC!

1. Approve November meetings minutes- seconded/approved

Treasurers report Expenses- Tina reports some expenses came in for in school presentations. Various fundraising is bringing in cash such as Boyden apparel, Disney raffle, book fair, holiday breakfast/Holiday shop and Direct Donations. Treasurers Report seconded/approved

2. Battle of the Books. Mrs. Moses, Boyden Librarian at the PAC meeting tonight to explain the program. This is the second year Boyden has had this event. Just starting Battle of the Books again. Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program. 3-5th grade. Must read at least 3 books. Meetings occur on Fridays. One teacher advisor for each team. Registration is now going on. \$10 Donation not mandatory. Helps with t-shirts prizes and snacks. Everything online. Go to the Boyden website- click on the link for the media resource page- click on the icon for battle of the books website. List of all the books are on the website. Summary of all the books also on the website. No paper going home this year- everything listed on line. Students can try to be on the same team as their friends but all requests can't be met. Registration open until January 15th. Mrs. Moses can answer any questions about the Battle- her email is in the directory. The books were chosen by Mrs. Moses and the staff at the Boyden School. Want to know if the PAC would buy the prizes for this battle this year. Park Street Books has a shelf with all of the battle books. \$15 gift card for Park Street books. \$150 total in prize money. PAC agreed to buy prizes. Second grade watches the final battle because it is like a preview for the students for their next year. Books are also available at the Walpole Public library.

3. Upcoming events: P Bruins -fliers are going home information about the event just went up on Facebook. Sweethearts dance is coming up. Tina is not running this anymore- Kathleen Meehan will be running this. Event is happening on February 8th 6-8pm
Teacher appreciation- Date needs to be set. Usually around the same time as the MCAS- May time frame.

4. 5th Grade t-shirts.- Sharon McCarthy. The line item is already in the budget so no PAC approval needed.

5. Docent update- Shivaun Brenizer In December Grade 3 had a presentation on Egyptian Art, Grade 4 had a presentation on John Singer Sargent and Grade 5 had a presentation on Georgia O'Keefe. Coming up this month the Second grade will have a presentation about Intro to Art, Grade 3 will hear about Van Gogh, Grade 4 will hear the second half of the American art presentation and grade 5 will learn about the surrealist artists.

5. School committee update. Budget meetings are going on. Public budget meetings January 14/24th
Next meeting tomorrow night. Looking into raise tuition at Daniel Feeney Preschool. Middle school project- Selection for owners/project managers. Compass Project management. They are currently working on the Natick Middle School. They will take the lead. Next is to select design. Late spring. Potential schedule could be town meeting vote fall of 2021- June 2022 town wide vote. Construction winter 2023. Location still to be chosen. Any questions about this please refer to news under tab MSBA for School committee website.

6. T-shirts field day- suggested that the students could draw the design for field day this year. Mrs. Cotter will take the lead on this project. Grade 5 student would be the artists. Field day will be June 12th.

7. Dining for Dollars- Easy fundraiser. Other elementary schools do one a month. Something to look into. General conversation about other fundraisers such as a Brewery event and something at Urban Air.

8. Storage unit- Mr. Dearborn looked into it. The storage unit could be something that the Boyden PAC uses to house its extra stuff. The initial idea is that it would get stored on the Boyden property for easy access but there are not many places this unit could be stored. Ultimately the Fire Department would need to approve where this storage unit could go. Still being looked into

9. Principal talk- Mr. Dearborn- School council just went over the budget. Level funded. Had a meeting with school committee about personnel. Adding two adjustment counselors across the district to give us two full time counselors. Will be going through those in the next few weeks at School committee meetings. Looking at Boyden staying the same school teacher wise.

Cultural arts. Walpole Cultural council is giving \$1000 for the African band in June. Story teller or game show.

Field day Dj- parent has volunteered to DJ instead of hiring someone. Field day will happen June 12th.

Science guy has come the last few years. Comes in the evening. We need to pay \$300 and we charge every student \$5. Minimum is that he has to make \$300. We can open it for the entire school. Note that it is not a drop off. Mr. Dearborn will look into booking him again

The Boyden School is in the process of creating calming corners in all classrooms. Places for students to go to chill out. Blue bean bag chairs and fidget toys. This is for every student to use. Seen as a proactive place. Spent some cash \$1000 could split cost \$1000 and we could chip in \$1000.

For all student at the Boyden, the PAC currently chips in \$10 for one field trip. In the future we might raise this money to \$15/student. (Remind Tara- May agenda for field trip contribution. PAC would like to consider raising our contribution)

Boosterthon. Meeting coming up on January 27th. Mr. Dearborn is concern that it is so money driven and he doesn't want students to be put in uncomfortable spots. All school incentives instead of individual prizes. Boosterthon Starting 3/17 Event 3/26

School play- Lisa Cyr. Would like the PAC to pick up the expenses. Royalty/scripts \$550. Play could be Friday May 1st. 4th and 5th graders. She can't be here. she would need help to manage kids.

Closed at 8:15