

PTO Board Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2016

Attendees: Stacy Pomransky, Nieka Apell, Emily Preston, Jan Smith, Beth Miller, Laurie Nutt, Emily Deedler, Jen Howard.

Emily brings up that the board meeting should be at a separate time. Long email chains are not fruitful, and we can vote in person. If there is a "heated discussion" we don't want to go directly into a general meeting. Where and when should we meet? Restaurant? What night and time?

Beth M is happy to set up some programs that would help us keep things like voting all in one place.

Emily wants to add an upper and lower el person to vote.

Nieka is looking for the minutes where Jan Smith was voted in as a board member.

Board wants to add a fundraising coordinator to the by laws: Laurie motioned, and Stacy seconded. No one opposed.

Board wants to add a teacher rep to the by laws: Jen H. motioned and Stacy seconded.

Emily passed around the information regarding our insurance. We now have insurance! The PTOC said that the school will pay 1 million dollars toward any issue also. How does our insurance work with our baby sitters during PTO meetings (or any PTO sponsored event).

Budget:

Stacy- Scenario 1-4 are examples of the way things could play out. This list is not exhaustive. We assume best case scenario.

Requests on our budget:

The Lucy Calkins Kit request- needs to know who to make the check to and shipping.

Ringo needs blinds to block out the sun to be able to use her projector. If PTO pays for the blind the district will install it. Nieka motioned to purchase and not exceed 200.00. Stacy seconded, all approved.

Climbing wall is 3600.00 and district will install it. Mr. Campbell states no maintenance costs. We need him to present to his colleagues first and then to PTO. Also will Mr. Campbell be our permanent teacher? Jen asks if our insurance cover this? (school insurance). Mrs. Epler (accordingly to Emily) says we may have some greater needs than a climbing wall based on our climate survey.

Climbing wall needs to be discussed with Mrs. Epler and the staff. The stereo system is fixed. The curtain was supposed to be repaired with bond money that never came through

Can Mrs. Epler report on what the climate survey wanted to do with our monies? Stacy asks what is the hold up is for the playground monies? Emily reports that Mrs. Epler isn't getting a response back about when the monies will come for the playground.

Christy Yee requests for 518.00 for items for OT for classrooms. Fidgets, yoga balls, fidget seats, weighted vests, hand fidgets etc.

Board approved the request of Christy Yee for 518.00 with the caveat that the items stay at Bach and there is a sign out procedure. Laurie motioned and Jen seconded the motion.

Stacy wants to repair the curtain herself. Jan Smith recommends a seamstress to do it. Will reach out to parents to see who can sew it. Jan Smith hopes the look will be professional. The idea is thrown out by Laurie that maybe a patch can be placed on the rip with Kristi Bishop's approval.

PTO General Meeting November 17, 2016

Attendees: Melanie Zoeller, Chris Saraha, Emily Deedler, Beth Miller, Jan Smith, Hilda Halabu, Mrs Epler, Allison Waugh, Laurie Nutt, Ann McNulty, Jen Howard, Stacy Pomranky, Nieka Apell.

Katie Schuster is not a president as hoped due to her work schedule. She will still be a consultant when needed.

Approval of last month's minutes:

Monies for the drinking fountain is between 300-400 dollars cash (turned in in June and is a separate line item). Emily D motioned to approve the minutes, and Beth M seconded. All approved.

Mrs. Salvner was given a 300.00 GC from the PTO. Kim K presented it to her husband.

President's Report-

Holding off on the student council elect so more discussion can be had with staff.

This would be a group to do community service, and events. We want student voice for many activities and events at Bach. Beth M mentioned that kids got to help vote on the night and loved that aspect. Last year they voted on movie night too.

Stacy thought the free library went way to fast. Emily said we had two lengthy conversations at PTO before Stacy joined us. Kids then went back to have students

vote on the location, and they finished that. We are now ready to vote. Emily D didn't feel comfortable voting in front of the youth. Emily brings up that (cut off by Stacy). Stacy wants to have them submit a plan. Emily said we have a plan and the kids did submit that and the budget and took questions. Stacy mentioned that the details were not in the minutes. Emily said that if not, it was done, and many at the meeting can verify that. Nieka mentioned that we can now set rules about youth attending the meeting, and they may not get what they want. Mrs. Epler said we celebrate student voice!! We've had two great projects from our student voice, and it speaks to working on our climate. We may need to work on process, but we need the student voice. Beth M suggested we earmark money next year for student voice. Neika thinks we should ask room parents to help use
How can we use our monies to help beautify the school with kid input.

Principal's report:

Dismissal plan: Our Jeff St. drop off is congested. Climate comm. took this on. They brainstormed ways to make our plans safer.

Now: come in any door.

3-4 leave from hallway doors

1,2,5 dismiss at Jeff.

K dismiss with teachers.

Kids are playing tag, running playing, distracted etc and get close to street.

Plan: at first we looked at just dismissal, we looked at dismissing out the back, and the buses would switch from Jeff st. to Fourth St.

Concerns:

Jeff. St Dismissal

4th st. pullout lane

Student proximity to roads on 3 sides of the school.

Proposed Solutions:

AM

Bus drop off/PU on 4th street.

5th is now the pull through lane.

All students are dismissed to the playground.

Breakfast kids go to breakfast

PM

All dismiss to playgraound. See map from Mrs. Epler, passed out at meeting.

Kids stay with teachers until cars pull up In the pull through lane.

Shelley Bruder said this is the safest way, we switched originally because we had too many buses.

Timeline:

Nov. 7- trial run

Nov. 10 Coffee Chat

Nov. 17 PTO meeting

Nov. 22 Remind students

Nov. 27 Sunday ROBO call reminder

Nov. 28 New plan in place tentatively.

Do the signs have to be changed in time for this? Mrs. Epler said AAPD said no to us moving the signs? AAPSD- NO. Can we dismiss this way with the signs not moved? That's our only hold up for starting on Nov. 28. We have asked for police support when we start.

Teacher's Report: Jan Smith

Fourth graders presented a Thank You to the PTO for supporting Lansing Field Trip.

PTOC

PTO Thrift Shop advertising. Dave hasn't heard back yet.

Allison Waugh's Fun Run!

All applauded Allison's efforts. It was awesome. It is paying for our field trips this year! Right now we are at 13,000. Not an official number yet. We are waiting on some sponsor monies. We are trying to stay at 300.00 for the prizes. Laurie says that the donations will keep trickling in through out the year. Might be a good idea of giving parents an idea of how much things cost that PTO pays for such as field trips, buses, classroom needs such as Raz Kids, Spelling City etc. Melanie Z says move the poster from the office to the hall or someone where it can be seen.

Applause for science night. The museum person had a better floor plan for flow. It worked well. The attendance was approx.. 400 .

Emily Deedler- Busches- we raised 180 dollars. We provided 500 meals for families through Food Gatherers. We have a 50 GC from them in return.

Emily passed out materials for fundraising strategies. Emily proposes Giving Tuesday to raise monies as we are currently 8000 in debt. Is board willing to sign letter to go home to parents asking for monies for the PTO. Read through the proposal to participate in things like changing your FB page pic to a Bach Paw for the day. The letter will be in the mailbox to sign.

Fundraising updates: we put off till next time.

Spirit Wear- Nieka and Emily are working hard to get shirts to all students who need them. Spirit wear was in Mrs. Epler's office. Tomorrow is the deadline. We will sell some at the bookfair.

January 27 Dance A Thon to raise funds.

Nieka need volunteers for Science Olympiad.

Chris Saraha talks about Open Gym- It needs a lot of thought. One night, or every Friday for board games, etc in the gym. Parent drop off so they can holiday shop. Could except donations. Some parents could volunteer as payment and then switch off with another parent.

Anthony DeBenedet Speaks!