

April 20th, 2017 Bach PTO Meeting Minutes 9-10:30m

- Principal Epler gave a powerpoint presentation on the Sinking Fund. There are 3 main pots of money. Bach can use some of the Sinking Fund money for bond dollars. 150K is set aside for landscaping, ADA access, and other playground structures. We already have 65K from the bond money. In total Bach will have 215K for new playgrounds if the sinking fund is passed. Voting for the sinking fund is May 2nd.
- Principal Epler also discussed renovations to the space outside the cafeteria entrance to turn this into a Makerspace. The Makerspace will promote more 21st Century Learning and be more technologically based. There will be cafe seating, new outlets to plug smart pads into and new flooring. The media center wall is going to come down this summer and new carpet will be installed in the media center.
- President asked to set aside \$5,000 for emergency family funds to be used directly on rent, utilities, food, etc. Stacey P. made a motion to approve, Laurie N. second it and all were in favor.
- Anne Ward presented. She first thanked the PTO for the plaque she received regarding beekeeping. She has donated this bee hive to the Leslie Science and Nature Center on behalf of Bach Elementary. She also presented on “Breathe For Change” which is a model that supports teachers with mindfulness, yoga and decreasing stress. Anne will attend a training and will ask PTO for financial support for this trip. She will return certified in yoga and will be able to implement the program in the fall of 2017. There is an option to extend this to parents. Anne will keep us posted on this and provide more specifics in May.
- New business: there is no interview taking place yet for the 2nd grade teaching position. Mrs. Ramsey’s position may be filled by a surplus or an internal transfer. We will still get to interview and make a selection for best fit. Mrs. Ramsey’s retirement party will be June 8th from 4-6:30pm.
- Teacher Appreciation: Melanie Z. and Melanie R. will coordinate teacher appreciation week. Melanie R. Will ask parents to volunteer and fulfill wish lists.
- Stacey is going to work on a draft budget for May’s meeting
- The playground committee has met once and are working on details- more to follow
- Voting: PTO members made a decision to keep 15K in reserve Emily PR made a motion, Laurie N. seconded this, all were in favor
- A suggestion was made for a “donation station” in which things such as paper plates, glue, pencils, crayons etc. could be stocked on a regular basis and teachers could pull items as needed from this supply area.