

Bach Elementary PTO
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 22, 2017, 9:00am
MPR

Meeting called to order by Emily Preston at approx 9:10am.

Attendance:

Angela Arum	Stacy Pomranky	Thom Bales	Vanessa Sih
Kerry Sheldon	Laurie Nutt	Adrienne Pisoni	Chris Saraha
Melanie Zoller	Allison Waugh	Jon Miller	Emily Preston Rahim
Colette Ivey	Joanna Costello-Saile		

Welcome

Teacher Report

Principal Report given by Colette Ivey

- New furniture came in early, overall was a great process. Cleanliness was a concern after load in, there is extra staffing over break to maintain cleanliness standards.
- Media Center will be renovated over winter break.
- Cafeteria entrance(s) will be re-tiled.
- Third floor will have new carpeting, which has been a great need.
- Ms Hill accepted on Bach's behalf an award for the most students participating in Hour of Code. Bach has earned Sphere-os, a programmable ball that the children can use to learn coding.
- Staff Committees have been consolidated --
 - School Improvement (data driven)
 - Technology
 - March is Reading Month
 - As committees meet, they are establishing long and short term goals.
 - Lexia Core 5: new tool adopted by district. Every student will take a short assessment. This resource will identify students who need support with

reading and prescribe programs to struggling readers. There will be a tool to use at home as well. Staff will train in January.

Upcoming PTO Events

- Dance Night Jan 26 6:30-9pm
 - Working on getting Mr Maurice (breakdancing teacher) to maybe do a workshop before dance night. This is the 2nd year and it was a huge success last year!
- Movie Night Feb 23 6-8pm
 - Kids will vote on the movie.

Budget Update, given by Stacy Pomranky

- \$3,000 of income that we did not expect from Science Night and Giving Tuesday. Stacy proposes allocating to Washtenaw Dairy trips and some remaining wish list items.
- Teacher wishlist: there is an effort to make teachers more comfortable asking for things for there rooms. Emily will coordinate communication on this in January

Buses and Safety, given by Colette Ivey

- Ms Ivey contacts Durham and Marius (head of transpo) through his support person Hannah.
- Concern: On Friday after snow day it was reported that bus #124 fishtailed around a corner after a sub responded to direction from students. Ms Ivy will view video of incident.
- Please put drivers with good records on runs that are experiencing problems.
- Durham has been responsive to moving bus stops and other concerns this year.
- From parent Jon Miller:
 - In may, we sent letter to AAPS. Numerous concerns, including a little girl getting a concussion during a hard turn.
 - Drivers who do not know the route, who have not been trained, are a danger. They could have GPS but use paper for cost reasons.
 - Bus has been up to 50 minutes late.
 - Letter to AAPS, 12.21.2017 (see attached)

- Letter to AAPS, May 2017
- Nicole is the lead bus driver. She is being transferred next week, and there will be a new driver.
- When WISD ran transportation, it seemed to some attendees that there were less issues.
- We are advocating for openness and transparency with Durham and the district.
- Adrienne: perhaps we could go to existing advocacy groups who are concerned about safety in AA. A coalition of concerned community members might be useful. Current status of bussing is unacceptable.
- Letter will be sent to the PTO C, AAPS, district lawyer. Emily and Jon will plan ways to create an online and in-person presence at the January board meeting.

New Business

- Port O Johns
 - Port O Johns -- Emily reports that teachers would like to use the far playground but lack of bathrooms impedes them from doing so.
 - POJ costs \$70 a month for a handicapped accessible, serviced bathroom. 5 or 6 months per year. Emily moves to fund Port O Johns. All are in favor of funding Port O Johns in the far playground.
- Airtime Fundraiser:
 - With school ID Airtime will donate \$1 per jumper to the PTO. \$10 for two hours.
- Liisa moves to approve November minutes. Stacy seconds. All approve.