

Bach Elementary PTO

General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 16th, 2017, 6:30-7:30pm, Bach Multi-purpose Room

Meeting called to order by **Emily Rahim** at 6:32pm

Attendance: Recorded Separately

Guests:

Minutes:

Principal's Report given by Alison Epler

- NAAPID- There was much discussion among staff about NAAPID. Involvement was lower than past NAAPID Days, so we will be looking to get feedback from families specifically regarding NAAPID
- Kindergarten Round-up – well attended, and many are School of Choice families checking out Bach
- Play Ground Updates – Clear process that is outlined. Have already met with a couple reps and are meeting with one more rep.
 - Black-top – looking at various options
 - Fence? Will look into the possibility
 - We have learned that there are no play structures that MUST be removed at Bach, so if we choose to remove any, this will come from our funds.
 - We will have opportunities for all stakeholders to provide input regarding decisions
- Arrival/Dismissal Plan – Looking to send out surveys for feedback about how it is going (by next week or early the following)
 - Door Access – can ring the buzzer if door is closed
 - Brought up the possibility of using 4th St as a drop off/pick-up area for cars as well, but decided this may not be a good plan

Teacher's Report given by Jan Smith

- MIRM – Looking for someone to take over the Bookmark Contest
 - Anyone interested can contact Jan Smith
 - Books have arrived
 - Everything seems to be going well
- Playground Persuasive Writing by Kindergarteners
 - Proposals of Ideas – getting kids involved and thinking about what they would like to see as well as reasons they would like these additions and changes
 - Ms. Smith's class has also worked on posters about their proposals

Officer's Reports

President: given by Emily Rahim

- Student Council – Tuesday, February 14th was the first formal Student Council mtg of 4th and 5th graders on our newly established Student Council group.
 - 4 focus groups - Global, US, Local Community, School
- Ice Cream Social – Still looking for a Chair for this year's Ice Cream Social

Budget – Reserve Monies presented by Emily Preston-Rahim

- There is ~\$45,000 in reserve
- While we do want to focus on large needs (like the playground makeover), we do not want to overlook teacher and other needs
- It is recommended that we keep \$10,000-12,000
- Should we continue fundraising? Should we be ear-marking funds for certain things
- There is also some difficulty when certain things may be covered by bonds, but we do not always know ahead of time
- Funds should not be accumulating over years and years, but we should be looking to spend most within a timely manner
- How much does it take to keep PTO-funded
- Could there be a summary regarding the budget with general information sent to families
- Based on input from the am PTO mtg, it was decided that perhaps a survey should go out to the entire community asking for Bach family input regarding how to spend our reserve funds (or how much, if any, to spend). Surveys should be made available online and as hard copies to be passed out at events. Climate survey will go out in March, so when should a Playground-specific survey go out? It was proposed that a survey should go out in March, and hopefully we will have some cost figures. However, this is also when the climate survey will go out. Could we combine survey NAAPID, Budget, and Arrival Dismissal so that we do not send out so many
- Playground –Phase 1 should be late Spring/maybe early summer, but we still do not have estimates quite yet. 1st we will need to know how much it will cost to have what we need/want.
- Playground Supervision – What does it look like – Ratio this year is better than it has been.

New Business

Topic: Laurie Nutt - \$100 to sew the curtain

Topic: Melanie Rountrey – Q re: Executive Board Mtgs

Decided that we will not do separate Exec. Board mtgs. We will likely extend meetings until 8pm. We may also offer another morning meeting option.

Topic: Laurie - Could you talk about who votes and how?

Quorum of Exec. Board Members? or are all attendants/Bach families present allowed to vote? We may have to investigate the by-laws or change our by-laws

Next Meeting is Thursday, March 16th

**Motion to adjourn 8:08pm by Melanie Rountrey, 2nd Laurie Nutt
Unanimous**

Minutes compiled by Secretary, Melanie Rountrey