

Bach PTO General Meeting Minutes
September 20 2018 MPR

Attendance:

Alain Mukwege James Harbaugh Yoonie Cho Melanie Rountrey Joanna Costello-Saile Emily Harbough Thom Bales Jon Morosi	Liz Pettie Liisa Lusk Christine Grimm Dara Moses Aram Chung Chinatasa Goto Andrea D'Alcantara	Lisa Nogueira Janice Smith Melanie Zollner David Greenberg Tony Letourneau Hilda Halabu Chris Saracha Allison Waugh
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Liisa Lusk calls meeting to order at approx 6:35 pm. Attendees introduce themselves and say what they love about Bach.

Many comments about our welcoming the community, how much we love the new playground, how wonderful the staff is, and how wonderful our new principal is. Children love coming to school.

President's report - Welcomed everyone and reviewed comments on what we love about Bach.

Principal Report, given by Colette Ivey

- Responsive Classroom - This summer majority of teachers were trained on the responsive classroom.
 - Morning meetings set a warm tone for the day.
 - Each class developed own rules and delegates from classrooms developed grade and school wide rules. Responsive classroom staff committee meets at least once a month.
 - Video shown of classroom rules delegation
 - Will keep school wide rules year to year, but might develop the classroom rules each year.
- Disability Workshop - Ms. Ivey needs parent volunteers to help chair a disability workshop for fourth graders. In the workshop fourth graders will experience what it is like to have a disability. It's time intensive the day of the workshop. Date is not set. Volunteers will help set date.
- Arrival and Dismissal - TA's are assigned at multiple entrances to help get the kids into and out of the building. Some people do not stop at the corners which is a problem. The police force has been asked to be more visible and present at arrival and dismissal for traffic calming. Melanie R. asked whether we could leave notes under windshields for

people who leave their cars in the drop off line. Ms Ivey says are starting to stay in vehicles in the afternoon. She will keep eye on on the situation. If your kid does not know you are picking them up tell the adult on the sidewalk and they will get the message to your kid. The plan is to eventually have kids load at the front of the line, but that will take planning and coordination before we put the process in place. Might have a demonstration video to model right procedures

- Team meetings - Ms. Ivey has met with second grade and fifth grade teams to discuss curriculum as well as to see who might need intervention and who needs acceleration and how to get support in place.
- Climate Study Results - will be shared at the next PTO meeting
- Lexia - Last year we were provided with a resource call Lexia. Last year it was used for reading intervention
 - Jan Smith: It is an amazing program. The teacher can make sure they are spending enough time getting supplemental help. The program gives usage goals and summary reports to the teacher. Research shows that if kids are meeting usage metrics you will see a boost in their reading.
 - Collette: The staff would like Lexia for all students, but we would need 5,000 in additional funding. Tina Champagne would like to purchase mats for the gym, but Collette got the district to fund that freeing up 2,500. Collette would like us to fund the other half of the licenses. This is a yearly cost.
 - Liisa L: Does it take away from student teacher learning?
 - Collette: It does not take away from student teacher interaction. This is in addition to, not a replacement. Research tells us best instruction is by classroom teachers. Kids are working at level of pre-assessment and if kids are struggling they get guided instruction and if they are still struggling the teacher gets a red flag. Teacher can pull kids and give them guided instruction based on data.
 - Providing it to all students is equitable. This will also help strong students.
 - Emily H - Budget is in process planning on increasing funding for curriculum. Liisa if we vote on it tonight and we approve then it becomes a line item and we need to raise the funds.
 - Liisa moves to approve to Collette's request for 2,500
 - Emily seconds
 - Motion passes

Teacher Report by Jan Smith

- Email from Ms. Bishop ' a dozen thank yous for the new rug and chairs.' Ms Smith reports Kids are happy. She says thank you for the kids time magazines. We use them. The kids and teachers love them.
- Ms. Hill needs library volunteers to help with check out and check in. Still searching for volunteers for Houston, ,Ms. L, Borders, Franzen, and Ms. I. Connect with Ms. Hill if you'd like to volunteer

Room Parent coordinator Melanie R

-Room Parents - need room parents for Ms. Taylor, Ms. Moore, Ms. Gleason, Ms. Ringo

-Room parents help organize parties and send sign ups for wish lists, forward lists...
Contact Melanie to sign up.

Budget Review Presented by Emily H:

- You can buy Scrip gift cards.
- Figures: Last year we raised 53,000. 23,000 is from the fun run. We hope to spend what we earn to support the school and teachers: field trips, and events. We want to make sure we budget the right amount. Ice cream social is not a fundraiser. Lots of people think it is, but it is a very expensive event to put on. Liisa - suggests parents night out party spring fundraiser. Prom. 80s wear possibly. Lauren Miller is working on that and need a group to help.
- Emily - suggests a farmers market type event for Fridays after school where people would purchase a table and sell crafts.

Fun Run Update by James H

- Friday October 5th - In school run
- Sunday - Family run
- Fun includes doughnuts, obstacle course, cross fit gym, Kona ice truck (who will donate 20% of proceeds).

- -Get the word out. Donate through FB page or the PTO website.

<https://www.facebook.com/BachFunRun/>

Sign up We need roughly 2 parent volunteers from each classroom for the in school run.
And many for Sunday. Volunteer for sign up genius.

Bike/Walk to School Day

- Tuesday after school free bike tune-ups by The Local Bike shop
- Wednesday bike to school.