

Banting Elementary PTO Meeting

January 14, 2016, 6:30 pm

Minutes



Present: Laura Menzer, Christie Bumann, Shannon Bertsch, Kate Mattson, Stephanie Hansen, Dawn Spies, Jean Isely, Kelly Gromowski, Carmen Lezama, Arnind Kumar (and family), Sarah Coslett, Debbie Zuercher, Mary Garcia-Velez

- Welcome
 - Meeting Called to Order at 6:33 p.m.
 - Past minutes: Kelly Approved. Dawn seconded.
- Update on theft and sentencing hearing. It was a plea hearing. The past treasurer pleaded “no contest.” The next sentencing hearing is on March 4. (been rescheduled to March 16)
- Update on past fundraisers - Culver’s Night/Marcus Movie Passes/Santa Shop
 - Marcus Movie Passes made about \$700
 - Culver’s Night earns a consistent amount of money each month approx. \$200
 - Santa Shop made \$1000 this year.
 - Bobcat Corner Store: \$50
 - Facebook post for Bobcat Corner Store. Needs volunteers.
- Upcoming events /volunteering needs -
 - Bobcat Corner Store - 1st & 3rd Thursday each month, but changing to Wednesdays starting in February.
 - Conference Food Coordinator - Feb. 4; Dawn & Stephanie will team up this time.
 - Movie Night - Feb. 12 & Mar. 11
 - Stephanie and Anna Pludeman are coordinating. Feb. 12 is “Minions.” 4K students must have an adult stay with them.
 - Walter and Norman, nighttime custodians. We’ll need to let them know about the movie nights.
 - School Supply Kit - May
 - Teacher Appreciation Week - May 4-8
 - Anna, Kelly, Dawn, & Linda said they were interested in helping.
 - Usually a luncheon and we can brainstorm other ideas.
 - Silent Auction & Cake Walk -Thursday, May 19
 - 1 cake walk for adults, 2 cake walks for children
 - Cakes can be homemade or store bought; parents can donate cakes; businesses can donate cakes.
 - Mary might be able to get us a spinner for the cake walk.
 - BOGO BookFair - Apr. 20-22
 - Box Top collection coming up for February
- Superintendent Parent Advisory Meeting Update

- Waukesha Early Learning Center is no longer housing 4K. 4K will be at the elementary schools. A parent survey was sent out to determine this. 70% preferred the whole day option. Currently, Banting is the only full-day 4K.
- Improvement of food from Sodexo - the general consensus was “no.” In middle school, there are more options.
- School Closings - 35 below windchill, call for 6 inches or more, made by 5 a.m. Try to stay consistent with the rest of Waukesha. No academic penalty if you don’t feel safe sending your kids to school that day; however, the district prefers that you send your kids late or pick them up early so that they are in school for part of the day.
- District is reconfiguring all the school websites. Using a uniform platform. Heyer’s is up. Banting is not on the current list of working websites.
- Treasurer report
 - From Nov. to today we’ve brought in about \$2900. See treasurer’s document for specifics.
 - Impromptu: Coffee Bar, bought the Keurig for staff
 - We’ve had a lot of expenses, but we made a lot of money back.
 - There is still money for special requests.
 - Upcoming expenses. See treasurer’s document.
 - 4th grade Madison trip is not happening. Do they want to do something else? Mary will talk with the 4th grade. We’d budgeted \$1200 for the coach buses.
- Principal Report
 - Thank you from Mary to PTO
 - Example of “Banting News” video run by Jose Sanchez and a team of students
 - Jose Sanchez is also starting up a robotics team.
 - 2 news “Shout Outs.” Great press for Banting.
 - March 4 - Reading week. Pajama Day, book character day, Read-In, we invite community members to sit down and read with classes, SKYPE with authors (Laurie Anderson already has all the authors lined up). PTO helped buy the Dan Gutman video.
 - April 14 Global/Cultural Day: Global assembly (1 for older and 1 for younger), high interest activities in the afternoon
 - Oracy focus this year: reading and writing go hand in hand. Opportunities for students to talk about what they’re reading to each other.
 - Assessment Time: teachers use the information to further instruct the students through the Spring.
 - We have a linguistically and culturally diverse environment. How can we inculcate that diversity into all of our curriculum.
 - GE added world clocks up on the wall above the stairway leading from the gym to the first floor. Steve got clocks from the district and put them up. Kathy Ballweg’s 4/5th graders did a math problem to decide where to put the clocks up and in what order.
- Next meeting - April 21st - 6:30 pm - Library
- Meeting Adjourned 7:37 p.m. Kelly and Debbie