

Bridle Path Home and School Association Meeting
January 14th, 2014

Teacher Report – Mrs. Lahneman

- Question about reimbursement, teacher lost receipt, forwarding email to treasurer
- Egypt Day coming up – Mrs. Lahneman will be spending her money on this day.
 - Has teamed up with Mr. McNerny in the past to come up with activities.
 - Make sarcophagus's with dried apples and paper folding
 - Create societies and artifacts then hide them in dirt. Archeological Dig for artifacts.
 - Students go from class to class.
 - 2nd week in February
- Wish List items due by March
- Encourage teachers to book their class trips and enrichment activities
- 6th grade hasn't decided what to do yet

Treasurer's Report

- \$42092.23 in account
- Square 1 Art - \$1635 (\$1200 budget)
- Fall Box Tops \$1392 (\$2100 budget for both contests)
- Baskets \$3487.80 (\$2500 budget)
- Frosty Fest Snacks \$642.73 (\$200 budget)
- Still have money coming in from Kidstuff and membership
- Holiday Shop \$350 in 2 hours. Not sure how this was going to do since it used to be all day.
- Pictures partial check \$1459, another check coming to pay remaining amount s/h/b \$2650
- No expenses due to Holiday
- Retail Fundraising Model's \$112.24, Tiny prints \$68.08, Mabels labels \$24.15
- Giant has raised \$882.30 so far with 100 cards registered. Can earn money until March 30th.

Principals Report

- Social Media Night
 - Students have gotten new gadgets for Holidays, parents need to be aware of what students can do with those gadgets and what they can get into.
 - Feb 5th, DARE officer and Safe Schools Chief will be guest speakers
 - Educate about technology, more complex issue that has been in the past. This will be an interactive night.
 - We are hosting and therefore we get to RSVP first. Have until Jan 17th, then it will be opened up to the district. 300 people will be max
- Harlem Wizards Saturday Jan 25th
 - Mr. Ellsesser is our teacher representative on the teachers' team
 - One member of the Wizards came today to get students excited. Had a mini assembly with 3rd-6th graders.

- Supports a high school booster club. \$10 tickets to game which are just about sold out.
- Can't buy tickets online anymore.
- Trying to set up ticket sales for Thursday morning for parents only. Don't want students walking around with money or tickets.
- Need to make sure there are still tickets available though and they are not double selling tickets. Will follow up.
- Students that helped at assembly got a free ticket, but what about the rest of their families?
- MultiCultural Assembly – Quiet Riot
 - Tell stories from different cultures. Let them know what cultures are in the building.
 - Hung a Large Map in the hallway, every student and teacher will get a pin to put on the map to signify their heritage. When this is completed there will be about 600 pins and all students will be able to see how the school is made up.
 - Hope this will bring it closer to home for the kids.
- Mid Year assessments are currently going on.
 - Reading occurring now, math will be at the end of the month. Looking for growth since the beginning on the year.
 - Dibbles testing also coming up.
 - All students are taking tests at the same time therefore no one is missing instructional time.
- Select Strings went to Chicago in December. This is the 2nd time they were chosen to perform in Chicago. Only Elementary School in Country to be asked to perform.
- Slide show or artwork around the school.

Old Business

- Frosty Fest – 3 new chair persons
 - Got great feedback about Chorus being up on the stage.
 - Holiday Shop made things cramped but it will be back to day time next year.
 - Baskets will also be moved out of the hallway next year,

New Business

- Survey received almost 100 responses.
 - Overwhelmingly liked the Trunk or Treat
 - Like Book Fair
 - Ice Cream Social – people starting to get tired, may need something new
 - Many want info only by Email, although this may be a biased response since this survey was by email. May test with the Spring Ice Cream Social, sending only by email.
- School Supply Kits – Mrs. Kahn recommendation
 - Teachers choose what they would like to put in the school supply kits. Companies put the kits together and send them to the school
 - People pay online, service to families.

- Companies that we are looking into are EPI, 1st Day and School Kidz.
- Received quotes and samples, there is a price range.
- Teachers will choose all items, all kits will be the same for each grade level.
- Kits will be delivered to the school 2 weeks prior to school start.
- Everything is placed in a box, the box can be used to keep your students artwork throughout the year.
- Looking for parent feedback, teachers are on board. This would be completely voluntary.
- Q's – Can we pick gender? A. Not sure, need to look into.
- Q's – Do any other schools in the district offer this? A – not that we know of.
- Teachers have the option of picking cheaper quality products.
- In order to start this for next year, teachers will have to provide their lists by March 1st. The families will be able to order in May and June.
- Shipping is free.
- Q - Are their families in need in the school that could benefit it we buy extra? A – Possible, However Mrs. Mantz receives items from United Way that tend to stay in her office because no one will come forward.
- Science Club – Have approval to start looking into this. Only stipulations is that it has to go through HSA. All money and coordination.
- Running Club – Tammy Babincheck and Mrs. Reed
 - Introduction and idea behind club
 - Coordination for Triathalon
 - Road Runners Club of America – will support club, Most through and readily available club that exists.
 - Kids Run the Nation (Youth Aspect)
 - Emphasis is not on competition, focus on nutrition.
 - Grades 3-6 only. Monday 3-3:40 only due to school nurse still being on site.
 - Run 10 weeks March 17-May 19, there are 2 weeks that there is no school.
 - There are lessons plans available that will be utilized.
 - There is a \$100 fee to join Kids Run the Nation. They also offer insurance which is still being quoted. There is either a flat rate or a per student rate.
 - May have to cap the number of students, not sure how many yet.
 - Need to vote to allocate \$200 to club for insurance and fees. We do give other clubs money, \$50-\$150 depending on club. Yes – 15 (18 in attendance)
- Coordinating Council
 - Keystone Exams – need to pass to graduate.
 - Information session on Jan 28th 7 pm
 - Current 9th graders will be the first
 - Replaces Final Exams
 - Intervention if fail, will eventually pass
 - Next meeting Jan 15th.

- Need new Chair for next year
- Wish List
 - Budget is a little full and therefore we need to spend some money.
 - Items must benefit students
 - Lists must be back by March 1st
 - There is an approval process; the board, principals and possible district must approve.
 - Also looking for parent responses
 - Q- ESC – after school program needs? Board games. A – they have their own budget, however, probably could use help.
 - Q – Recess equipment? Technology?
 - Up for District budget vote is giving every 2nd and 3rd grade class some sort of hand held device, iPad or laptop.
 - Projectors are also bought and paid for, one in every classroom. Takes time to install since this cannot be done while the students are in class.
 - Looking for a Literacy program similar to First in Math
- Open Board positions
 - Board Positions that are up for vote are Recording Secretary, 1st VP, treasurer.
 - Would like a co-treasurer if anyone is interested
- Many Chair person slots are also available

Upcoming Activities

- Bingo Night – 1/24, 60 have signed up so far
- Winter box tops 2/10-2/13
- Math Night 2/26
- Family Fun Night – DJ, photo booth, obstacle course, snacks and games. In need of prizes.