

Bridle Path Home and School Association
November 12, 2013

Guest Speakers Mrs Mantz – Guidance, Mrs. Edmunds – Psychologist

Mrs. Mantz - Guidance

- Holds different jobs as the guidance counselor in the school.
 - Social Worker – gives coats, turkey dinners, school supplies and other goodwill
 - Group Counseling – large part of job. Lunch bunch falls in this category. This is for students in 2nd-6th grade. Also has divorce groups, friendship groups, bereavement groups.
 - Individual Counseling – short term, may meet with a student 6 times then if the student needs additional help, they will meet with the Psychologist. The students can be referred from anyone (teacher, parent etc)
 - Teaches guidance lessons in the classroom. Usually 4 per classroom on things such as personal safety, respect, conflict resolution, stress and internet safety. Lessons often include role playing. October is no bully month. Each month is dedicated to a different grade level. All schools have guidance departments and have the same topics each month. They may just be taught differently depending on needs on the school.
 - IEP meetings
 - 504 Counselor
 - Child Advocate – resources both internally and externally for help
 - Crisis Intervention
 - Child Studies – screening for a variety of different issues. Very involved process. Meeting every Thursday morning to discuss referrals.
 - Consultations with Teachers and Parents
 - Lunch Bunch – starts in 2nd grade. About ½ of the school is signed up this year. Students eat in the classroom. Talk about things that are appropriate for the age group. Ex. This month is 6th grade and they talk about what to expect in Middle School. Also more social issues. The students meet once a week, there may be more than 1 section. Keep the same classrooms together.

Mrs. Edmunds – School Psychologist

- Member of several teams
 - RTII Team – collect and analyze data for the tiers, progress monitoring
 - Professional Learning Communities – meet every 6 weeks as grade level to discuss child needs
 - Child Study Team – Meets once a week to discuss referrals and concerns for students, talk about progress, needs and interventions. This is a multi-disciplinary team. Collects available data and administer tests. Take data back to team to share and make decisions about student needs.
 - Write evaluation reports to send to IEP teams. Look at both academic and emotional welfare of the child
 - Full time at Bridle Path and also Department Chair, therefore not shared with other schools.

Teachers Report – Mrs. Mantz – Correlate

- Mrs. CV has questions about money, giving to Treasurer

- Mrs. Heiserman – Thank you for the book money from the book fair
- Library Staff – Thank you for the book fair

Treasurer's Report

- Balance \$35,421.67
- Book Fair \$2203.96 (\$2000 budget), sold \$11K in books
 - Alyse Wolfe – Thank you for the help. Able to give each classroom \$30 to buy books, All for Books money also went to the classes. Mrs. Oakes class won the contest. Library received almost \$1000 worth of books. \$850 left in scholastic dollars for the Spring Book Fair
- Ice Cream Social \$689 (\$650 budget)
- Kidstuff \$1987.50 (\$0 budget)
 - 174 books were ordered, 9 books left, will send out an e blast to sell the last
 - Made about ½ of what was made last year but still considered successful since this fundraiser was done differently than years past. Did not send books home as this fundraiser was going to be cut.
- Trunk or Treat spent \$152 (\$100 budget)
- Dan Yaccarino \$2000
- Ordered new music stands \$1503.00

Old Business

- Trunk or Treat – great success.
 - Tracy McGuire started with great ideas and unfortunately had to step down. The board continued to plan with her ideas.
 - Received a lot of positive feedback
 - Unsure how this was going to be received due to the negative feelings in the district
 - Need a chair for next year
- Go Math Presentations
 - Online component is up and running now
 - Can get “reteach” page online
 - Other components may or may not work yet.
- Dan Yaccarino Visit
 - Mrs. Baker prepped kids for visit by reading his books
 - HSA did not make any money on the purchased books. Passed the savings onto the families
 - Students were really well behaved. Dan commented on how great our students were
 - Dan was able to walk around and say goodbye to the classes. This was not planned, was an extra.
 - Hope to have another author in the Spring.
- Square 1 Art
 - Made Budget, \$1640 in profit
 - 153 orders
 - Working out Distribution details. Dec. 2nd in Cafeteria 6-8. Remaining orders may be picked up at Frosty Fest.
 - May only need a handful of volunteers to help with the distribution. Company is very well organized.

- Thanks to Jenna Caccese and Mrs. CV for their work
- Directory – Completed but in a different format. It is at the printers. Thank you Michelle Wenner for your hard work.

Principals Report

- Lost and Found is growing. Will keep until Frosty Fest, then will be donated. Send an e blast. Need a volunteer to go through it and make sure there is no name on the items.
- Trunk or Treat was phenomenal. Had a great block party feel. Turned out way better than expected.
- Author Visit – Dan was a really cool, neat and artsy guy. The kids didn't care that the characters were for younger kids. Dan talked about how it's ok to make mistakes, ok to doodle and that you don't need to be a bookworm to succeed.
- American Education Week – next week
 - Parents can come in Tuesday and Thursday mornings or afternoons. Cannot come in during lunch. If these times are not convenient, can make other arrangements to come in. Try to not have conversations in the class or cell phones on. Kids do get distracted so teachers do plan special activities.
- Book Fair – good as ever.
- Spanish club – Moved to new location, centrum. It is distracting and therefore it might move again. We are running out of space though so not sure if that is possible.
- Call from Bill Bartle – Harlem Wizards are coming to NPSD to do a teacher vs Wizards game. Looking for teachers to play on the teacher team. He is offering to send players to the school to promote game which is a fundraiser for a booster club. Mr. Ellsesser is playing for our school.
- Homework Club-
 - Discussions regarding this started long ago but there have always been problems with transportation.
 - The idea is that a teacher will stay and help kids.
 - Mrs. Murphy and Mr. Macosko will be helping.
 - Mon, Tues and Wed after school until 4:15.
 - Invitation only
 - This is for students who can't get their homework done. This is not a punishment; just making sure students are successful and are getting some homework support.
 - Will have a late bus to take students home or parents can pick them up.
 - Mrs. Murphy is the primary teacher that will help but some other teachers have also expressed interest.
 - Homework should be able to be done by themselves; otherwise it is not appropriate.
 - The students will be reevaluated on a monthly basis. Students must continue for the entire month due to buses needing a roster.
 - This will be a supportive climate, not punishment.
 - Will start Nov. 18th, probably start with 5-6 students in each grade level. Meet in Mrs. Simpson's classroom.
 - Will also talk about organization and responsibility.
 - Will have iPads and books available for when homework is completed.

New business

- 6th Grade Farewell committee wants to hold a fundraiser for the school that needs to be voted on due to bylaws.

- Rick Ray – Students need to Fundraiser for their gift (sweatshirts) and also for their project which they hope to be redoing the playground paintings
- Silvio Barbosa – Don't want to the kids to lose sight on what is important and want the kids to leave something behind
- Rick - Fundraise to give something back to the school. Party is already paid for. They are asking the families to give \$20 towards their sweatshirts which are \$25.
- The fundraiser that they would like to do is sell NP t-shirts to the school. Will have a NPSG logo. \$11 for short sleeve and \$16 for long sleeve.
- Need to vote if we will allow 6th grade committee to sell t-shirts. Yes – 21 No- 0
- Joyce Abbott will be handling. Kick n Wear will be making the shirts. Depending on how well this fundraiser works, may or may not need to do another fundraiser which will be a cashola.
- Hoping to start a tradition of a service project for 6th graders
- Volunteer Needs
 - Chairpeople for Trunk or Treat and Welcome Back Event for next year
- Retail Fundraising – Models Dec 6th – Jan 6th, Giant Bonus Cards – need to sign up
- Community Conversations – Dr. Dietrich
 - Lay back conversation, next one is Nov 21st 11:30-12:30. Penn Suburban Chamber of Commerce.
 - Need to reserve your space
 - 6 times throughout the year, welcome to talk about anything. He does follow up on issues and questions.
- Coordinating Council – Erikka Johnson
 - Director of School Nutrition Services
 - HSA can order food through the district and pay bulk rate
 - Costs \$3.30 to put out a meal, get reimbursed \$1.00 per meal.
 - Students must pick 3 out of 5 components of the meal in order to be reimbursed
 - High school may pull out of this program since must students buy ala cart
 - Not much was discussed at the Elementary school level.
 - Portion control is a big issue, there are strict rules that have to be followed
 - Young Author's Conference is still a big issue for other schools. Not too much at BP since we bring in authors, have a summer reading program, book bug and display author's work.
- Book bug – Now have a chair but could use some volunteers. 80- 90 books a year and it's a long process
- Garden Club
 - There have been 2 meetings, one on seeds and one on roots.
 - Talk inside first then go outside and do something hands on.
 - There will be 2 meetings in the spring.
 - There have been 39 parent hours volunteered in the garden since the beginning of the year (22 parents)
 - There have been 15 student hours (9 kids)
 - Mr. Hoffman is the teacher helper and Scott Kraemer has been provided custodial help
 - 45 kids in the club
 - 2 families have adopted plots in the garden
 - Home Depot has provided a lot of donations
 - Clean up Sunday November 17th

- December 10th is the next meeting – will be Parent Social with little business
- Frosty Fest is Dec. 13th not the 6th.
 - No crafters/vendors
 - Chorus will be performing
 - Baskets
 - Holiday Shop
 - Edible craft
 - After event, may published list of baskets, winners and how much they sold for.
- Questions
 - Orchestra Concert – Keeps getting bigger, can it be moved?
 - Answer (Mr. Macosko) can't be moved. This year no North Wales singers which will help with crowd control. Too hard to move, logistics
- Banner has been hung in gym of triathlon participants from last 2 years. Growing year after year.
- North Penn Knights ice Hockey game – Nov. 21st
- Science Explorers Club – Tabled until School Board reviews, many questions still need to be answered
- Running Club – also tabled until review, many insurance questions still need to be answered