

Bridle Path Home and School Association

October 8, 2013

Thank you to the Community Organizations that came out tonight for our community fair.

Waive the reading of September's minutes – Carol Cunningham

Old Business

- Back to School Night worked out well. HSA sold Smencils for \$1. Parents were able to leave them on their students desks when they went to the classrooms. This did cause some problems for the teachers. There were students who were upset that they didn't get one. We did continue to offer Smencils after that night. We will have to come up with a better plan for next year. Sold 300 Smencils which covered the cost.
- Picture Day was also a success with Barksdale. We had plenty of volunteers. Retake Day is scheduled for Nov.12th. Please also let us know how you feel about your pictures and picture day experience. We have had another photography company contact us to solicit business. We would like to make sure that we are getting the best product and service. We may send out a survey after the pictures have been sent out.
- Mustang Coffee Talk brought in a few new parents. We were able to answer many questions and have an informal information session for the new parents. We are considering having another session but at night. If you still have any unanswered questions, please email the board.
- Welcome Back Event went well. We need ideas for next year. We also need a chair for next year. This is the last year our current chair will have a child at BP.

Treasurers Report

- Current Balance is \$35,004.44
- We have received \$253.96 from Market Day (YTD \$425.42 budget \$1500), \$1150.00 from Kidstuff (half will be our money), Membership \$2595.00 (YTD \$4845, budget \$4200). Smencils and car magnets \$375.05
- We spent money on the Welcome Back Event (BMX bike show). This came from 2 different line items, Welcome Back Event and Assembly budget.
- We have also paid for field trips for 2nd grade (Peace Valley Nature Center) and Kindergarten (Merrymead Farm).
- Teachers are starting to submit for their classroom supplies.

Principals Report

- Welcome Back Event went really well. It was fun and ran smoothly
- Coffee Hour also went well. Would like to see a few more times this year. Liked the small gathering where the parents could ask many questions.
- Smencils were a good idea but there were concerns about those kids that didn't receive one. The teachers were the ones that had to deal with the upset students.
- Wants to hear all comments or concerns whether they are good or bad. Wants to know if there are any issues that need to be addresses. Don't be afraid to bring them up.
- Patients First will be donating to the school again.

New Business

- Community Fair discussion. Is this something that we want to do again? When should we have it, welcome back event or ice cream social? All agree that a HSA meeting probably is not the best outlet for this fair. Who would we like there? Nonprofits and businesses?
- Volunteer needs – we need help with Kid Writing especially 3 people on Mondays for Mrs. Heiserman's class.

- Go Math Presentations are occurring now from the school district. This is a new math program this year for K-3. 4-6 grade are still using Everyday Math but that will be replaced next year with the Go Math curriculum. Please sign up if you are interested in going to the presentations.
- Square 1 Art will be sent home soon. All of the artwork was sent to the company on Oct 1st. They are in the process of making the catalogs. There will be a sticker sheet that comes home with the order forms. We sent in 576 pieces of art. The forms will be delivered back on Oct. 16th and the orders need to be placed by Oct 30th. There will be some online options but the details are still being worked out. The kids seem to have really liked it so far.
- Retail fundraising – Please sign up your Giant cards. They must be signed up every year. There have not been any Tiny Prints orders yet and only 2 Mabel’s Labels orders. Looked into Spirit Halloween who had a give back program last year but probably won’t have one this year.
- Box Tops Contest will be October 15-18th. Please send in your box tops that week.
- Looking into Learning Express cashola program. You can pick 3 days and parents get 10% off their order and the school gets 10% of the profits.
- Kidstuff - we have had 47 orders so far. We will be sending an eblast reminder to get the orders in.
- Music Stands - we need to vote on the purchase of music stands. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Marcopole have submitted a request for the purchase of 20 music stands and a rack to carry the stands. The total amount is \$1416. There are not enough music stands for the students that we have in the band and orchestra. Currently the orchestra has 60 students in 4th-6th grade and 40 in 3rd grade in Bridle Path only. When combined with Montgomery, there are 160-170 students. The Band has 35 students in 5th-6th grade and 40 in 4th grade. Not sure of the number when combined with Montgomery. We usually vote on items at the end of the school year but there is a need for this now. Amy contacted Montgomery to see they would pay for part but they said no. They already give \$600 to each group and they feel that is sufficient. Vote – 20 yes, 1 abstain
- Trunk or Treat will be on October 18th at 6:30. We could still use some more cars to sign up.
- Book Fair is October 22-25th with the Ice Cream social on the 25th.
- Family Fun Night is looking for unopened favors. Will take anything even unopened happy Meal Toys.

Raffle

- Sarah Salter – Save Around Book
- Eileen Beaver – Kidstuff Book
- Kelly Lanie – Kidstuff book

Speaker – Mr. Macosko

RTII (Star time) Response to Instruction and Intervention

- The goal is to create literate students by 3rd grade.
- Typically the best way to understand a students ability is to complete a running record reading assessment. The problem is that this takes a long time to complete.
- The NPSD uses a different assessment called Dibbles. This one is much quicker to use and tells if the building blocks for learning a skill are there. This is not a complete checkup on reading.
- After all the students are tested, the teachers meet with the Principal and group the students by needs.
- The students may meet with other teachers not necessarily their own because they group all students in the same grade level.
- The groups all have a specific target skill that they work on.
- The students get reassessed every 6 weeks and the groups may change at that point.

- Tier system. Tier 1 students read at grade level and concentrate on skills that enhance the curriculum. Tier 2 students need a little extra help in certain skills. Tier 3 students need much more help.
- Tier 2 students can stay in this tier as long as they are progressing. If they lack progression, then they may be have more in depth evaluations for other needs.
- Words per minute is assessed, the upper grades are also assessed in retell. Retell will also count words per minute that stay on topic.
- Beginning of the school year tends to have larger whole group instruction. As the year progresses, there is more small group instruction based on reading level.
- Ultimately this is used as a tool to help students before they fall too far behind and end up in learning support. Way to find students that just need a little extra boost as well as those who need significant help.
- There are multiple groups at each tier because they each focus on a different skill. Tier 1 is mostly taught by homeroom teachers and tiers 2&3 are taught by specialists.

SPP School Performance Profile

- Rating of 0-100, every school in PA will be graded. This is a way to compare schools. It uses many criteria to come up with the score.
- This number is not completely accurate because there are a few criteria that can sway the number (ex. size of school population).
- NP's range is 80-96.7. BP's score was a 91.1
- PSSA percentage proficient in Math - 90, Reading - 84.8, Science - 94.8, Writing - 88.8, Grade 3 Reading - 86
- PVAA's PA Value Added Assisted - shows if everyone made 1 years growth over last year. A grade of 75 means everyone gained 1 years worth of knowledge.
- BP's PVAA score in Math – 74, Reading – 83, Science -100, Writing – 100
- Bonus points are allocated for advance numbers. It is really hard to be advanced in Writing.
- SPP scores now factored in teachers performance rating system.
- The goals is to push everyone forward.

Thank you everyone for coming out to tonight's meeting.