

Bridle Path Home and School Association
September 10, 2013

Introductions of the Board Members

Thank you for coming out tonight

Waive reading of June minutes – Tracy McGuire and Mary Wagner

List of Money Spent – Year in Review (Handout)

- Please note where each grade level spent money

Welcome Back Luncheon

- Thank you for the donations.
- The teachers really enjoyed the food.
- Moved to Cafeteria which was a much better location and more convenient

Chairpersons positions are all filled except for Book Bug

Treasurer Report

- Balance - \$30,946.99
- Holding Accounts – Green Team \$277.30, 6th Grade \$85.33, Spanish \$224.30
- Received checks from Market Day \$171.46 (June sale), Spring Pictures \$1070 (back commission), membership \$2530 (budget \$4200), Target \$1178.24
- Expenses Welcome back Deposit \$359.55, First in Math \$2427.60, Flowers Mrs. Didden \$134.99, Deposit for Parent/Son Hatfield Ice \$340.00, Teacher Luncheon \$50.14

Principals Report

- Great to see new people
- Teacher's Luncheon was unbelievable. It was a luxury to have the teachers be able to sit and have lunch together. The food was great.
- For the New parents that are here, you hit the jackpot with this parent organization. HSA does a lot for our kids.
- Thank you to the volunteers that helped at the new family orientation.
- The building was the first to be cleaned over the summer which is both good and bad.
- The gardens look great. Thank you to the garden club and whoever else has helped.
- Staff Updates
 - Mrs. Didden past away, 1 ½ months after retirement
 - Mr. Klenk, new music teacher – kids already love him, he plays guitar in class
 - Miss Miniscalco – moved from 2nd to 4th grade
 - Mr. Hoffman – moved from aide to 2nd grade, kids are very happy

- Mrs. Minimeyer (Math Assistant) found a job outside of school one week before start, she has been replaced by Ms. Wynn who was a student teacher last year
- Mrs. Graf is now full time but at the district level, she is the new RTII Specialist for the district. Replaced by Mrs. Trego (sp??)
- Mrs. Giblonski has moved to the high school as autistic support. Replaced by Mrs. Wenzel
- 6th grade was able to get their 4th class. There are 22 kids in the class
- All carpets have been removed upstairs. It is noisier but much more sanitary and looks a lot cleaner. Used the Giant Rewards money to buy area rugs for 3rd grade, 4th grade, and Mrs. Lahneman, Mrs. Abramson and Mrs. Low's classes. The check was for about \$2700.
- Patient First contacted the school asking if they can donate 2 projector's again this year.
- Have received 3 more boards similar to Smart Boards
- The HVAC System was worked on this summer. Trying to move towards a more consistent temperature throughout the school.
- New Board Policy on class parties.
 - Move Halloween Parade to Trunk or Treat.
 - 2 Parties per year, definition of party is one that is not educational that brings parents in
 - Need consistency within each grade level, they get to pick when the parties are (Fall, Winter, End of the Year)
- Schools or the district may be working towards ending food for birthday treats and using other creative ideas
- There is an allergy table to the cafeteria this year.

New Business

- Back to school night has 18 confirmed tables. The tables will be around the perimeter of the gym.
- Square 1 Art – make a piece of artwork which can be reproduced on various products. The kids will be working on these next week. The items purchased will be delivered by Dec. 6th. We may need help sorting items at a later date
- Picture Day – Sept 24th by Barksdale. We would like to have feedback because we have another company who would like an opportunity. They are giving us a banner and should be every year.
- Mustang Coffee Talk – new for this year, idea came out of a HSA Meeting. Welcome new families on September 25th, 9-10am. Will show a Day in the Life of Presentation. Please come if you still have unanswered questions. We are asking for a few chairpersons to come to babysit and answer questions.
- Welcome Back Event – Team East BMX Riders, 2 assemblies during the school day and then a night event. Will be outside September 27th at 6:30. Still looking for a light to be donated or for really cheap
- Retail Fundraising – Giant, Target, Tiny Prints, Mabel Labels

- Kidstuff Coupon Book - \$25, school gets 50% profit. We are doing it differently this year. Preorder the book, not sending it home Sept 30 – Oct 15, flyers will come home without the books. Should get them by Halloween. Order 5 get 1 free
- Book Bug – need a chairperson, 80-90 books a year. Need 1 person to coordinate the process, not necessarily to do the whole process
- Science Club – Looking into adding a science club provided by Mad Science. 6-8 weeks long, 2 classes K-3, 4-6. Will need a parent volunteer and teacher advisor. Would like to see if there is interest before we continue looking into it.
- Spanish Club – Current teacher (Sandra Pinto) can't no longer teach all of the sections (4). New teacher is Rosy's sister but is a qualified teacher. She will take on the new students while Mrs. Pinto will keep the older students. We have been paying the same rate for the teacher for 6 years. We would like to increase it. We would like to increase the fee from \$150 - \$170. The materials fee is \$20. The classes run Mid-October – May (25 weeks). Can sign up until Sept 30th. Last year there were 58 students, the biggest class was 15 and that was the older class. The teachers are paid \$5 per student per class. Would like to increase this to \$6. Last year paid \$6100, if keep same number of students, will pay \$7000. This is organized more like a club focusing on culture and experience. No tests or grades. Vote to raise fee and teacher salary. Yes – 17, No – 7
- Twitter – Bridle Path feed? Do we want to take the Bridle Path name on Twitter so that no one else does. Would like to protect what is put out there in the school's name. Or do we want to use this as a form of communication? Is there too much communication? Who will handle it? Needs more exploration
- Homeroom Parent selection – still need 7 volunteers.

Meetings are not usually this long. February 5th we will be hosting a meeting on Cyber Safety. Need some other ideas on speakers to bring to the meetings.

Raffle

- Tricia Miller - \$25 school pictures
- Andy Medhrota - \$25 school pictures
- Mary Wagner – Reusable Bag