

BARRINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
Minutes of PTO Meeting
September 25, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE

Jen Rakeman Co-President, Ritza Dulchinos-Marini Treasurer, Meghan Breiding VP, Nancy Maddocks Librarian, Brett Kearns Blue Cluster, Dr. Anderson Principal and 16 parents.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Anderson shared

- Focus, be mindful by students
- BMS Mission and Common commitments
- BPS Professional Learning Community
- Key Learning-Centered questions
- Introduction of new faculty
- 2017-18 Big Focus areas: 3 areas
- Student portfolios available October 10th.
- Light House Grant - \$200,000 - 2 years
- BEF grant for 6th graders - Maker Space
- Strengthened Communication: BMS Website, Facebook page, Twitter, BMS Newsletters, Principal Coffee Hours/Luncheons
 - **MR. KEARNS** shared news on the new BMS Athletics and Activities pages on the BMS Website. The pages will include 2 calendars (1 is Athletics, the other Activities), message boards, agendas, notes for all activities and athletics.

PTO PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JEN

- Welcome back breakfast was very successful. This was organized by Carolann McTaggart.
- A showing of "Screenagers" movie for BMS parents and students in grades 6-8 is planned for October 17th at 7pm in the BMS auditorium. This is a BMS PTO sponsored event.
- Follow-up Panel Discussion to Screenagers is planned for November 8th.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS

1. Mrs. Maddocks, Librarian, explained the Business America project for 6th grade this year has a Recycling-based theme. The 6th grade teachers and she have requested \$600 for busses to drive students to RI Resource Recovery. Also being requested is funds to purchase materials for deeper learning projects.
 - Per Dr. A, not a line item under grant money
 - PTO has budget for \$100 per teacher, per cluster
 - Teachers suggested to request PTO grant funds individually for \$100, not as an entire cluster.
 - Parents may also need to contribute
 - Also "scholarship" to fill gaps from PTO
 - "Sports Night" proceeds could add to the funds needed as well.
2. Ms. Taglione shared a 6th grade request for "Field Day" supplies and equipment of \$1,200.

TREASURERS REPORT - RITZA

- We have a need to increase PTO Membership. It's currently only at 25%.
- Book Fair: Sales were \$6,481.
- "Scholastic Earnings" will be used for teachers, librarian to make book purchases
- Penny Wars for Hurricane Harvey raised \$1,441.60
- We have deposits of 2,000 for Spirit Wear but haven't yet paid for the items.
- Budget - Funds added for 6th, 7th, 8th grade
 - "Screenagers" - cost is \$650.00
 - Library added \$250.00
- Natalie Stein Memorial funds - used for student scholarship award, BMS student and plaque
- Passed a motion to approve budget

OLD BUSINESS

- PTO Meetings have moved to a quarterly model
- PARCC has ended
- RICAS - new testing - 2-days only
- NECAP - measure new science standards
- Student assessment thru Fast Bridge
- Proficiency assessment
- NAPE assessment

NEW BUSINESS

- Block Scheduling discussion
- Screenagers discussion
- Next meeting January 22, 2018 at 7pm
- Interviewing new Spanish teachers for 7th and 8th grades
- Oct. 4 is Next Coffee hour, 7:30-8:30 in Presentation Room
- November 9 is Principal Luncheon 11:30-12:30

Notes kindly taken by Katie Bavier, Submitted by Laurie Dubel

Meeting was Adjourned at 8:15