

BARNESLEY PTA BOARD MEETING

October 2, 2018

7:00 - 8:00

NOTES

Officer/Committee Reports:

- President - Alison Russ
 - Welcome
 - Purpose of Meeting
 - next PTA meeting will be on 11/8 due to holiday
- Vice President - Lisa Shine
- Treasurer Report - Mike Fleet
 - Budget Report - orienting to page
 - amounts look high because we are trying to spend down money on activities
 - encourage teachers to request money by December 1st
 - line items are extensive for planning
 - financial review completed, we did well
- Principal Updates - Mr. Andrew Winter
 - introduced Ms. V, Assistant Principal
 - enrollment is strong with about 730 students
 - new field space, no portables in back
 - constructio no longer on-site, but still some final items that need to be addressed
 - front door buzzer not operational yet - new system ordered
 - second set of doors always locked
 - this Friday is early release, lunch earlier and routines are not same
 - Monday is visitation day from 9:30-11:30
 - field trips are starting in next few weeks
 - have to complete volunteer training prior to chaperoning or supervising in any capacity
 - if completed at a different school, still works
 - notebook in office with names to verify
 - new building service manager starting 10/15, Jeffrey Ricard
 - water was tested throughout building, and all under EPA limits



- grade levels are sending home newsletters on Mondays, school newsletter goes home twice a month and is posted on website
- interims are going home Monday
- fifth grade promotion gift is front lawn sign with plaque acknowledging donation
- independent audit of curriculum last spring
 - looking for “canned” curriculum starting this fall
 - schools given option of being in two cohorts, one for math or reading
 - Barnsley chose math cohort since math is weaker across school
 - formal decision will be made in January
 - cohort 1 will get materials to practice and use beginning January
 - Barnsley wouldn't start until 2021
 - all grade levels will begin at same time with roll-out
- departmentalizing starts in 4th grade, also in Centers program
 - helps teachers become experts in subjects
 - allows for students to work with variety of staff
- Programs Updates -Megan Pankiewicz
 - started Chess Club, Young Rembrandts, still openings in coding and some Big Learning programs
 - second session of YOung Rembrandts starts 11/8
 - Discuss winter rollout - Flex Academies
 - help schools manage programs, provide on-site coordinator who oversees enrollment, and other factors
 - will create survey for parents to verify interest, dates and help us make informed decisions on programs
 - possibly science related, cooking
 - registration would start after Thanksgiving and end mid-January
- Ways & Means Updates -Roxie
 - Back to School Picnic- this Thursday at 5:30
 - two food trucks and ice cream truck
 - DJ, moonbounces
 - Book Fair will be open that evening from 5:30-7:30
 - Election Day Bake Sale - information to follow
 - Community-based activities
 - Barnes and Nobles - in December
 - Chuck E Cheese -

- Zava Zone? Ice rink? Bounce U?
 - Grandparent/Special Friend coffee
 - Restaurant Night updates
 - Villa Maya - 11/14
 - Chipotle - only once a year
- Communications Secretary - Julia Lee
- Recording Secretary - Aruna Prasad
- Membership Updates- Margaret Davis
 - expanding My School Anywhere director to accept memberships
 - paper, on website and through directory
- Directory Updates -- Emma Hintz
 - run through My School ANYwhere
 - repository of personal information with option to set privacy settings
 - links to class roster and allows other families to find you
 - also allows to link to Bayer Report and send PTA information via email
 - listed on back of PTA brochure: myschoolanywhere.com
 - just under 50% participation represented
 - also app on phone
- MCCPTA Rep - Julia Singleton/Fania Yangarber
 - umbrella organization of PTAs - 193 organizations
 - helps with advocacy and working with MCPS officials
 - first meeting last week, every last Tuesday of the month
 - budget approved, advocacy priorities (safe environment, capital budgets, etc.)
 - committees within the MCCPTA
 - any topic that you're interested in, could probably be involved in
- Cluster Coordinator - Pablo Black/Sunil Dasgupta
- Upcoming Events:
 - Jen Burns - Cultural Arts
 - two upcoming assemblies
 - 11/2 - Step Africa - professional dance company dedicated to stepping
 - 3/29 - Billy B. - promotes environmental education and entertainment

- Buffy/Natalie - Spooktacular - October 20, 2018
 - family event, flyers will be going home this week
 - DJ, games, costume contest, prizes, pizza will be sold
 - \$5 charge for adults and little kids, students are free
- Kami - International Night
 - need someone to help
- Julia Singleton and Jeannine Greene - BINGO Night
 - in January, to be after holidays
- Yearbook - Sarah Schmelling
 - share photos with Sarah for yearbook
 - lvbes@gmail.com to share photos, website also on FB page and Bayer report
- Book Fair - Ali Breen, Karen Wright, Meredith Calvarese
 - needs more volunteers
- Box Tops Update - Julie Kelly and Priscilla Paez
 - everyone should have received copy of box tops sheet
 - tear them off and send them to school on page or in baggie
 - hope to submit everything by 11/1 for first submission of year
 - check for expiration dates, and if possible glue on sheet
- End of Meeting -- snacks, visit tables