

BARNESLEY PTA BOARD MEETING
February 6, 2018
7:00 - 8:15
NOTES

Officer/Committee Reports:

- **President** - Alison Russ
 - Approve minutes from December meeting
- **Kathleen Herrold - letter from PTA re:sidewalks**
 - boundary that is Bel Pre, Artic, Bauer is walking distance to Barnsley
 - 25 kids and families walk route Melinda, Woodcrest, Barkwood
 - Kathleen put in request for sidewalks in 2014, and then put in new one which is currently being evaluated
 - now County is requesting proof of request/active citizenship and letters from community
 - may want to petition neighbors on streets if they are in favor of sidewalks
 - asked if PTA could write letter in support of this request and will share letters from Wood and Mr. Winters as samples
 - a parent mentioned that there was a petition circulated via email last year and that the petition was declined due to lack of walking density - she will find and share with Kathleen
 - speed cameras were dicussed six years ago, County mentioned that petition was needed with certain number of signatures
 - Mr. Winter said that may be new signage but not necessarily speed cameras
 - can also put something out at International Night for families to sign



- **Reading Presentation** -- Barnsley Reading Committee
 - Jen McNeil - 5th grade center teacher
 - Elise Richards -4th grade center teacher
 - reading teacher is sick
 - shared presentation on engaging family reading
 - resource guide from RIF website will be shared on Barnsley website
 - always helps if parent reads book that child reads to facilitate discussion
 - Reading Night will be Thursday, March 1 and Book Fair will be open

- **Vice President** - Lisa Shine
 - Spirit Wear update
 - have half of inventory sold, still have more for sale
 - submit forms to order since we won't be ordering until next year
 - deadline was 26th, but wiggle room and will be on sale at International Night

- **Treasurer Report** - Mike Fleet
 - Budget Report
 - donation went up by \$1000
 - if you donated anything over \$100 should have received letter from PTA
 - Blingo netted \$200 compared to -\$37 last year
 - Budget Amendment - Spelling Bee
 - \$200 - \$151 for registration, \$70 requested for, need to make amendment for \$21

- **Programs Updates** - Ali Breen
 - Winter Programs
 - THANKS Mr. Woo for six years of coordinating spelling bee
 - Chess -- December 14-February 22

- Young Rembrandts - January 11-March 15
 - Big Learning - January 9 -February 27
- **Ways & Means Updates** - Fania Yangarber
 - Buy Nothing Campaign - February
 - on Friday or Monday envelopes for Valentines week
 - information will go home in Bayer Report, already on FB page
- **Communications Secretary** - Marlie Brill
- **MCCPTA Rep/Cluster Coordinator** - Julia Singleton/Sunil Dasgupta
 - changes to report cards - lots of complaints
 - MCPS portal - My MCPS - allows parents to log in and see grades
 - all students' grades will be in this system along with testing
 - will be rolled out in stages
 - Barnsley loads interim reports for our students, will add more information once we are back in the home school
 - if parents need login information for their student they should call the office
- **Volunteer Updates** -
 - Book Fair
 - February 26-March 2
 - books only book fair since we are limited on space
 - still in need of volunteers for two hour slots
 - make sure to take child abuse and volunteer training, link available on Barnsley website
 - Staff Appreciation
 - set for 21st
 - will also give teachers a little something in their mailboxes for Valentine's Day
 - International Night

- February 24th, 5-8
 - 5:30-6:30 show
 - will be danceathon for more interaction towards end of performance
 - 6:30- dinner and mingling
 - time on flyer for 2nd/3rd grade performances will be amended
 - still need volunteers
 - need food to share
 - donations from local vendors - Villa Maya?
 - Jamaican and Greek restaurants have agreed
- **Principal Updates** - Mr. Winter
 - renovation update
 - 58% of timeline spent, 48% done
 - we will be moving back for next school year
 - fine tuning some details
 - Mr. Winter goes over twice a month
 - fire alarm system will be checked for entire building
 - report cards go home Thursday
 - flyers will go home Thursday - 12 to 15 will come home
 - testing season coming up - 5th grade science testing, PARC testing dates will be approved soon, window is from April 23- until end of May
 - birthday party invitations - use PTA directory to have access to families, not school unless going to entire class
 - reminders about bringing toys to school
 - K orientation - Monday, April 16th and Tuesday, April 17th
 - can call office to schedule visit for child's visit
- **End of Meeting**