

Minutes
Boyce Middle School PTO
February 13, 2019

Meeting commenced at 9:52AM. A list of attendees is attached.

Approval of Minutes

Andrea Amorose made a motion that the meeting minutes from meeting of the PTO General Assembly on January 9, 2019 be approved. Stacey Friday seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Statement of the Treasurer- Stacey Friday

No report at this time.

Standing & Reporting Committees/Reporting Organizations

- Apples for Students- Beth Hujzak

This program links your Giant Eagle card to Boyce donations so that Giant Eagle will donate a small percentage of your grocery purchase to Boyce Middle School.

- Arts in USC- Micki Takac

This contest is happening now. The deadline is March 1. Entries will be judged on March 5th. Be sure to attach the entry form to the artwork.

- Authors Day- Ponny Jahn

This event will happen on Tuesday, April 9. The author is Aiesh Sayeed who wrote Amal Unbound.

- Band Parents- Kathy Ginsburg, Andrea Amorose, Rhoda Smith

The next Band concert is March 20 at 7pm at the High School. This is a combined concert with Ft Couch. There will be a band committee meeting February 14 to plan a reception following the concert and a gift for Mr. Madge. The committee also plans to discuss how to improve the transition from 6th to 7th grade. Mr. Saucedo will help Mr. Madge and Dr. Seibert with the March 20. Mr. Saucedo will also be holding a class for the kids.

The last band concert will be on June 3 at Boyce Theater.

Mrs. Sirota added that March 20 is also a Chick-Fil-a spirit night and asked that Band committee also mention the Spirit Night in concert announcements.

- Book Fair- Deonna Draher, Catherine Deep --- No report
- Box Tops- Aylin AksehirliBox Tops are being collected now and all collected Box Tops are due February 28.
- Boyce Pride- Michelle Mandler

The Boyce Pride program is going well with many kids getting awards.

- Chess Club- Batool Nulwala

The 2nd session of the Chess Club has started. Mrs. Nulwala reported that 4 girls were enrolled. There were delays in registration because of the school closures so enrollment was not as high as expected. Twenty-two kids are enrolled so there are still 8 opens (up to 30). Mrs. Nulwala recruited 4 high school mentors who are open to doing this next year.

Also, Mrs. Nulwala mentioned that Yesha Gandhi is open to running the Chess program next year.

- Chorus- Rhoda Smith Sarah Mittleider---No report
- Display Cases- Tina Stutzman, Meghan Coulehan

The PTO thanks Mrs. Stutzman and Mrs. Coulehan for the amazing job on the displays. Mrs. Schnore commented they look awesome.

- Family Welcome Day- Jen Schnore---No report
- Field Day- Stacey Cobb

Field Day is June 7 with a rain date of June 10. Mrs. Cobb will talk to Mr. Serio about plans for field day. Last year there was a big issue with water distribution and inappropriate cup disposal. Mrs. Cobb wants a better system for getting water to the kids. Also, the popsicles ordered last year by the cafeteria and paid for by the PTO were not allergy-free popsicles. Shannon Rosenberry offered to help pick allergy-free popsicles.

- Garden Club- Tina Stutzman, Meghan Coleman

The garden club will beautify courtyard at Boyce. The club will potentially pull in in student groups such as the Green Team and Girl Scouts. Holly Fisher, the school nurse, also will help.

- 6th Grade Graduation Party- Susan Coyle

Mrs. Coyle will need help planning safe snacks. Mrs. Rosenberry also offered to help there. June 5 is the tentative date for this party.

Mrs. Nulwala asked what was planned for the party and Mrs. Cobb responded the party will be at Ft Couch Middle School in the evening.

- Membership- Stacey Cobb--No report
- Orchestra- Prema Sridaran--No report.

Note: Mrs. Amorose has stepped away from this committee because her son no longer participates in orchestra.

- Read for a Reason (RAR)- Stacey Cobb

RAR raised about \$1900 this year. The goal was \$2000. A total of 237 kids participated so not even ½ of the student body participated. Mrs. Schnore thanked Mr. O'Rourke and Brand Wilson for streamlining the prize drawing to an electronic format.

Mrs. Schnore asked the question if the PTO wanted to even continue this evening with so little participation. She commented that PTO board is looking for someone to revamp the fundraiser if we continue. Mrs. Schnore also added that the only purpose of RAR is to raise money for the kids only. If they don't need anything, there is no need for fund raiser. This year, Mr. O'Rourke asked if proceeds could go toward Panther Paw to support the encouraging kindness initiative at school.

Mrs. Nulwala commented that her son didn't understand the purpose of RAR and remarked, "Why do I have to get paid to read?" A discussion ensued about PTO fundraisers and their purpose. Some commented why not just tack on an extra \$5 to the activity fee raise funds. Mrs. Miller commented that RAR is supposed to be an event where students take ownership of the event to raise money for what THEY want and that there is value in having the students participate in their own fundraiser. Mrs. Sirota pointed out there are lots of different websites with student fundraiser ideas. Mrs. Nulwala likes idea of a student auction of student made items. Mrs. Swanson would like to keep a fundraiser but introduce changes. Mrs. Hani Kelly suggested trying an online auction next year.

- Spelling Bee- Amy Sarkett

The Spelling Bee when well. Mrs. Schnore asked if anyone has pictures from the Spelling Bee to send them to her for the yearbook.

- Spirit Night- Toby Sirota, Cara Lindstrom

The next Spirit Night is a Chick-fil-A event on March 20. She encouraged parents to drive through before the March 20 band concert. Mrs. Sirota will distribute flyers for the event.

- Spirit Wear- Hani Kelly, Shannon Rosenberry

Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Rosenberry will offer a spring sale. Mrs. Kelly had a good conversation with Century Sports and is considering them for a new vendor. Century will provide samples and can offers online ordering. Also, the representative encouraged them to offer less items, for example, just offer things like socks, t-shirts, shorts, and hats. Mrs. Kelly is hoping Spirit Wear can make more than \$2 per item and she still needs to get an idea of pricing. Century Sports also said they could condense the sale period to 10-14 days between order and delivery.

- Staff Appreciation- Michelle Mandler

Mrs. Swanson said that Friday, February 15 is the 3rd event. The committee is putting together a summer style picnic including sandwiches and salads as a simple thank you. The committee will also reach out to custodial staff for this lunch, especially for those who work at night and find out how to leave something for them.

- STEAM- Catherine Deep---No report.

Mrs. Schnore commented the PTO is buying more STEAM supplies for Mr. Henderson.

- Student Activity Fee 5th Grade- Kathy Ginsburg---No report
- Student Activity Fee 6th Grade- Erin Guarino---No report
- Website Manager- Luke Gracie

Mrs. Schnore acknowledged Mr. Gracie as the best website manager and appreciates the titles he write for the eAlerts.

- Yearbook- Stacey Cobb, Jen Schnore

PTO chose Herff Jones as the new yearbook vendor. People can now place orders online at yearbookordercenter.com. Boyce Middle Schools ID number is: 17867. As of Feb 12, 112 yearbooks have been sold. The 6th graders will get supplement with Deer Valley pictures.

Mrs. Schnore and Mrs. Cobb will be taking a tutorial tomorrow to learn how to put together the yearbook. Mrs. Schnore requests people upload their school pictures to the PTO picture google drive, email them directly to Mrs. Schnore, or upload them to the Herff Jones site.

Mrs. Nulwala offered to help with yearbook if needed.

Board Members- know anyone interested? The PTO needs Vice-President and Secretary for next year. The Vice-President is a 3-year commitment because the candidate will serve as Vice-President (2019-2020), President (2020-2021), and Board Adviser (2021-2022). The Secretary is a 1-year commitment.

Committee Chairs- know anyone interested? Please ask around.

Business

The Youth Steering Committee Winter Blast for Boyce aged students is Feb 23 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Please consider volunteering to help. All kids must pre-register before event and pay \$10 participation fee at the door. It is a fun event where kids rotate through several activity stations.

Next PTO Meeting- March 13, 2019

Meeting Adjourned at 11:03am

These minutes were approved by the General Assembly of the Boyce PTO on March 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by Penney Miller, Boyce PTO Secretary

Date Approved: March 13, 2019