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**PTA MEETING: Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

**TIME: 7:30 PM EST LOCATION: Virtual**

**MEETING CALLED BY: BPES PTA BOARD—**at 7.34pm by S. Roberts

**TYPE OF MEETING: PTA BOARD**

**PTA PRESIDENT: VOULA AUGUSTIN**

**PTA RECORDING SECRETARY: ~~DENISE MEYER~~ Shari Roberts**

**MINUTES:**

* Welcome--Yingling
* Quorum Status & Start of Meeting—S. Roberts at 7.34pm
* Past Events
  + Sweetheart Dance- Chairs Melissa and Shari had a fun successful dance this past Friday
    - Middle schoolers were so much help
    - Feedback-
      * Sarah Mitchell-are we doing anything to thank our janitors?
      * If $ is left over in the budget, feel free to use it
        + If we don’t have enough, we can look to make it work
        + Melissa W. will work on something/ideas
      * A lot of positive feedback
      * DJ was great (DJ Derek)
  + How much canned goods? (Voula asked)
    - +/- 100 cans to be donated were collected
  + Bingo Night: Michelle
    - Was a success, ran 2 sessions this year
    - Jen, co-chair taking over next year
    - Made $340 from concession
    - Left over items were either returned/given to middle schooler help, and valentine’s for 25 bus drivers
    - Glitch: Julia approved start time of 6:00pm
      * Could not set tables until last after care students were checked out so pushed them to last minute for set up
    - Next year-pre-set tables!
    - After care---Teresa is welcome to having people come in early to set up, but when children come in with helpers and after care children it is too much so that will need to be worked around
    - Have conversation with custodians to help with tables ahead of time/share diagram/etc
    - Candice-custodians are notified ahead of time, correct
      * Team helping with ball rolling for full card: #s were not all called but Michelle confirmed 1 was missing but 1 was replaced for 2nd session
    - Next year looking to purchase automatic ball rolling
* Principal’s Report--Rutledge & Dewees
  + Had a great time at SweetHeart Dance
    - Future events-keep food out of media center
    - Kids were running around outside
      * Should block doors or have someone at doors to keep students inside
* Reflections:
  + Let Rutledge and Dewees know who won
    - They will take a picture for the Yearbook
* Pencil Grams
  + Last day to purchase is tomorrow
    - Money raised is going towards new laminator as it broke and it is over $2,000 to replace
* March is Reading Month
  + Rutledge will speak to team leads for door decorating details
* Field Day
  + PE team has asked to save the date: 5/15 and 5/16 (rain date)
    - Having field day team shirts
      * Mr. VanMeeter designed
        + Color of students grade
      * Students do not need to buy shirts, they are optional
      * Parents can buy shirts for others
      * Rutledge discussed with PTA on purchasing shirts for staff
        + Decision TBD
* International Night
  + That is advertised name
  + Flyers going up soon
  + Spirit Day to dress as their heritage etc
    - TBD Rutledge speaking with PBIS committee
* Rutledge + Dewees spoke with each team lead to review lunch procedures, to make lunchtime more seamless
* Budget
  + Class size could increase up to 2 students per class
  + Budget is $1.13B
    - Increase of $25M from last year
    - Asking county for $47M above requests
    - Reduction in custodial staff/field trips curriculum/3rd grade strings/summer enrichment/reducing 20 GT teaching positions
  + Won’t know anything more until board approves budget
  + Go on HoCo website, click budget, to testify in front of board
  + Nothing is set in stone as of now
  + Staff mtg at end of February
    - How many teachers for each grade and How many GT programs for school will be determined
* Multi-lingual learners-wrapping up testing
* MAP testing wrapping up 2/16
  + Absent students can make up
  + Students can finish if needed that section during other times
* 5th graders taking MISA (state wide science)
* 4th graders: randomly select 50 students (1/2 of 4th grade class) to take test
  + letters sent home
  + 1st week of March to take assessment
* Monday is picture day for classes and groups (homeroom classes/stringsband/safety/etc)
* Future Events
  + **International Night** is fast approaching. We are looking forward to many of our families coming out and enjoying this great event! We are still looking for a few more families to host a table and/or go on stage with your talents. We are looking for a few more volunteers as well.
* 2/28/24
* Still need families to host tables
* Still need volunteers

**STEM and Career Night** Wednesday, March 13th 6-8pm. Please reach out if you or a family member would like to participate.

* Have same amount of tables as of last month
* Not as many on career side more stem career side
* Cafeteria and hallway will be used
* Budget-Candice is asking for more $ in budget for kids to receive STEM activity to take home that can be built/put together/etc
* T. Dewees-are fire trucks participating this year?
  + Fire trucks will arrive at 6.30pm
  + Police dept-TBD waiting on confirmation
  + For budget increase-Candice to send email to board and board will have a mtg to decide
* **Restaurant Week**
* Tony Loco’s-waiting to hear back on check on 3/16
  + Closed early because of weather
* Nothing in Feb
* 3/6-EW Becks (all day)
* 4/16- Ten Oaks Tavern (all Day)
* 5/14 Chik Fil A Clarksville (5-9)

**Assembly** Laser Show

* PTA sent email to schedule
  + 60 day waiting period to know if it is approved
    - Hoping for 5/1 assembly Laser Show
      * Celebrates spring/fun/weather
* Question-will laser show cause concerns for seizures etc
  + Yes it will, alternate arrangements will be made for those students
  + Rutledge to check with health room

**Adult Bingo**

* Christna/Voula have a big committee working on this currently
* Will be finalizing details soon and will let everyone know
* Had 1st planning mtg
* Need volunteers
  + To call #s!
  + Next planning mtg-end of Feb

**Bushy Blooms**

* 5/10-5/11
* Chairs: need volunteers!

**Book Fair-4/15-4/19**

* More info to come next PTA mtg
* **EOY party**
  + 5/31: 5:30-8:30pm
  + looking for volunteers
* Committee Reports
  + NEED: Ground Beautification Team
    - Need chairs!
  + M. Sexton- Glenwood Middle students help their grounds, suggestion to help to complete needs
  + Will need adult to work through details long term
* Budget update
  + Will be hosting 2 fundraisers in next few months
    - Memberhub-used for Bushy Bear Dash
      * Have been looking in to other fundraiser platforms
    - Looked in to 99 pledges
      * Adult Bingo/teacher appreciation would use new platform
      * Will vote on using new platform
      * Read a thon-in March, for 2 weeks, FYI from Ms. Rutledge
    - Will donations be anonymous/hidden with new vendor?
      * Each student can make their own page
    - Question from M. Sexton (related to Rutledge comment)
      * Haven’t done school fundraising before
        + Didn’t make much $ from school pictures
        + BPES needs $!

Other schools doing read A Thon

Teachers need instructional materials/laminator/student activity fund is low

* + - * Rutledge had larger budget at last school
        + Did more fundraisers (pies/pencil grams/Joe Corbins/Book Fair)
  + Dewees-mtg in Spring with PTA look at future events to stay ahead of calendar
* Financial Report- Shafer
  + $23,332 revenue
  + Expense: $18,003
  + $5,032 YTD income
    - Includes basketball payout (net income will decrease)
    - After Sweetheart Dance #s come in, will button up final #s
    - Ways to try to support teachers: PTA gives $100 per teacher, only $1,000 used so far so have teachers use those funds!
    - Remaining $ is allocated already
  + Bushy Bear Dash—anything above $10,000 gave back to school
  + Wrote check to Gaga Pit instead since event was held at night
  + J. Shafer to reach out to Bennett to find out about Field Day shirts
  + If events need more $, chairs reach out to the board to work through it
* Vote to approve using 99 Pledges voted --passed
* Open Items/Questions Yingling
  + None
* Adjournment- Christina 8.29pm mtg adjourned—18people in attendance