

PTO Meeting Minutes 3-10-2021

1. Meeting called to order by President Melissa Dowding at 9:32am.
2. Principal's Report - Mr. Chris McAuliffe
Special Interest Day and the spring carnival can not happen this year given the current restrictions in place. Field Day is a go as of right now, but will have restrictions in place. It will be run like a PE class so masks will be required and there will be limited volunteers. More information to come on this as it gets closer and becomes available. The talent show will most likely happen, but not sure in what form right now. The 4th grade clap out will also most likely happen outside the 4th grade doors and protocols will need to be followed for this event as well. Mr. McAuliffe will look into how many bus drivers there are for the district so we can figure out how we want to do their end of the year appreciation celebration. As of right now, he is planning to do the MSTEP. The US department of education has said some sort of standardized test needs to take place this year, but the state of Michigan is trying to figure out if they can use the NWEA scores. More to come on this as he finds out more information. BVA students who want to return to in person learning for the third trimester will be coming to school starting Monday the 15th. If we get any questions about this they need to be directed to him. The school board toured our building this week and gave Mr. McAuliffe a lot of good information about our building. They also spoke about the bond as we are in phase 3 and updating our 4th grade wing is part of phase 4. He will keep families updated as he finds out more about the plans moving forward.
3. Teacher Liaison - Mrs. Brenda Hurley
There was no report as Mrs. Hurley did not attend the meeting.
4. Treasurer's Report - Jessica Sisson
 - A. Income since last meeting:
 - Valentine Candy grams - \$422.00
 - Kroger Rewards - \$516.71
 - Busch's Cash for Education - \$46.95
 - Total income - \$985.66
 - B. Expenses since last meeting:
 - Valentine candy guessing - \$115.41
 - Valentine candy grams - \$99.00
 - Staff Allotments - \$32.88
 - Total expenses - \$247.29
5. New Business
 - A. Current Activities:
 1. St. Patrick's Day shamrocks for good shenanigans ends next week. There is a jar for each grade level they are going into and one name per grade level will be drawn for an Oh My Lolli gift card. In addition, the class with

the most shamrocks will receive an ice cream party. Mr. McAuliffe has also been pulling random names from the shamrocks to announce on the morning announcements.

2. The St. Patrick's Day coin hunt for in person students will be next week on Monday and Tuesday during lunches. The lunch ladies will hide a few coins in each zone for each grade during lunch recess and the students who find them will get a shamrock lollipop. BVA students can go up to the school on virtual Wednesday, March 17th to look for coins on the playground to get a shamrock lollipop as well.
3. The family leprechaun trap challenge is currently happening as well. All the information about this is on the PTO website and was emailed out at the beginning of the month.
4. March is Reading Month activities are also currently happening. Information about this went out via email. Make sure to check the padlet regularly to see guest readers from our school.

B. Ideas for Spring Activities:

1. We are going to look into the Kona Ice Truck to get more information on whether this is something covid friendly we can do at the school.
2. Teacher appreciation week will be coming up the first week in May. We are looking for ideas on how we can make this week special. One idea mentioned was printing out a sheet for students to fill out and color about their teacher.
3. Spring carnival is a no go this year given the restrictions currently in place as we can not have a large group gathering.
4. We are thinking about putting together a family spring flower scavenger hunt. Parents would volunteer to put a big flower in their yard and list their street as a flower sighting. Families drive around to look for the flowers on the streets listed, write down the address of the yard they find it in, and turn in completed scavenger hunt sheets to the office. All correctly completed sheets will be entered in a drawing for a special prize. We want to know if there is an interest in this activity for families.
5. Any other ideas for activities??? One mentioned was working with the district Small Town Big Hearts initiative to support local businesses. Another idea mentioned was doing another event like the winter wonderland one we did in January for sometime in the spring. Please let us know if you have any other ideas for fun activities or events for the rest of the school year.

6. Old Business

All Huskies have Heart Valentine's Day cards were delivered to Brighton Manor.

7. The next virtual PTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14th at 9:30am. The link will be provided as the date gets closer. Meeting was adjourned by President Melissa Dowding at 10:18am.