BAS PTA General Meeting

October, 18 2016 at 6:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:30

**Attendance**

President: Randy Geis

VP Activities: Megan Scanielo

VP Membership: Jeanette Nachtman

Treasurer: Sanjeevanee Vidwans

Corresponding Secretary: Megan Friedman

Recording Secretary:Corinne Demskie

Class Parent Liaison: Kristin Ferrara

**Discussion**

Budget

* + The year began with a balance of $12,921.08. Anticipated revenue for the year is $16,650.
  + A 3rd Coding Club has been added to enable more students to participate in the program. If additional funds are available a 4th club will be added.
  + Sanjeevanee raised a motion to approve the budget, motion seconded by Jeanette. Motion passed.

Assemblies

* + The school has participated in two assemblies and both have received positive feedback.
  + The first was the Ned’s Yo Yo Assembly.
  + The second was given by Detective Rieder and the children received age appropriate information regarding Stranger Danger.

Fundraisers

* + Megan S. advised the pumpkin sale will be held on October 20th. We will make a profit of $1.75 on each pumpkin. Leftover pumpkins will be returned to Dreyer Farms or donated to a local children's charity.
  + Kid Stuff Books made $1800, which exceeded the budget.
  + Movie Night had a few hiccups, but the company did reduce our cost to make up for the problems. Feedback from families was that the picnic beforehand was a great addition giving the kids some playtime with friends and parents were able to meet and spend time together.

Membership

* + Jeanette advised that we have 300 paid members to date with only 40 families missing. We do continue to receive sign ups from new members. We exceeded budget with donations of $1163.00.

Class Parents

* + Kristin held a meeting with the incoming Class Parents to provide guidance on what they should expect, how to plan and budget, and ways to keep the lines of communication open. This has received positive feedback from parents.

Guest Speaker

* + Nicole Kessler from the Board of Education spoke at the PTA meeting. They are still continuing their search for a permanent Superintendent. An online survey received 343 responses from parents with information on what characteristics they are looking for in a Superintendent. The Search Committee is reading through every survey and adding the most common keywords to their search.
  + The Full Day Kindergarten pilot is underway but it is too early to advise what worked or didn’t work and what the Pilot program could eventually become in Cranford. It is expected that the Pilot will continue next year.
  + The Board of Education is aware of the Birchwood Development and possible impact on enrollment at BAS. They are working to develop strategic plans so we are prepared when building is completed.

Meeting adjourned: 7:40