BAS PTA General Meeting

October 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 pm.

**Attendance**

Present:

President: Randy Geis

VP Activities: Megan Scanielo, Jen Bernier, Benee Meade

Treasurer: Sanjeevanee Vidwans

Class Parent Liaison: Kristin Ferrara

Recording Secretary: Corinne Demskie

Absent:

Corresponding Secretary: Megan Friedman

The minutes from the meeting on 5/16/2017 were accepted.

**Principal’s Report:**

* + - * + The students at BAS have created a Kindness Tree to celebrate a Week Of Respect. Students also participated in a Kindness Assembly in which they discussed the Buddy Bench and its importance.
        + Fire fighters visited the school in honor of Fire Prevention Safety Week. All Kindergartners were able to meet with the fire fighters to learn important safety tips.

**President’s Report**

* + The PTA would like to replace the bike rack at the front of the school. A Chair is in place and will work on getting it installed. The chair will aslo reach out to the Board of Education to see if they will assist with funding.
  + New Fundraisers include Chipotle night, Cranford plaques, Cranford blankets, Cranford wristbands, as well as partnering with a sports memorabilia store in Garwood to collect a portion of the proceeds. These fundraisers will be replacing previous ones that have been eliminated.
  + The PTA will partner with a school in Newark to provide holiday items to students who would otherwise not receive holiday gifts. This partnership will replace the Good Night’s PJ and Book Drive normally done during the holiday season.
  + PTA Membership is up over $700 compared to last year.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Budget Review:

* + We started with a balance of $9,919. The PTA will spend a portion of the funds on a new Reading Garden, Dash & Dots Robots, a Spanish Subscription, and will pay off the balance on the School Cheer bringing our balance to $4,000.
  + Pretzel sales, class pictures, and the 5K run are all at or above projected budgets.
  + Sanjeevanee raises a motion to pass the budget. Motion seconded by Jen Bernier. Motion passed.

**Activities Report:**

* + The Back to School Bash and the food truck at the event received positive feedback.
  + Trick or Trunk is coming up. Flyers have been sent home.
  + The Holiday Boutique will no longer be a fundraiser. Students will submit the number of presents/people they will buy in advance and exact quantities will be purchased and sold for cost.
  + STEAM Night will be divided into two sessions. One session will be a show in the gym while other students are in classrooms participating in parent run activities, then the groups will flip flop.
  + 5K Update
    - The 5K sponsorships are up compared to last year.
    - Performance tech shirts have been ordered for the 5K participants.
    - New Fun Factor awards will be given for categories like Fastest Teacher/Administrator and Coolest Costume.
    - Still need additional race course volunteers. Requests will be made through the weekly email blast and FB posts.
  + This year the school will be decorated for the winter holidays. A Chair is in place and will be partnering with Mrs. Murphy and the PTA to execute.
  + Art night will be changed to be more of an art exhibition this year. Parent volunteers will be needed to assist with hanging and staging the artwork.

**PTA/Class Parent Lisason Report:**

* + Parents were polled and prefer a print out version of the School Directory vs an online version.
  + The class donation request was increased this year from last year so the PTA could pull $5 per student to fund gifts for the administrations, specials teachers, and custodial staff. If a student does not make a donation then the PTA will donate $5 per missed donation to the fund.
  + This year there will be no treats allowed in the classroom to celebrate birthdays and treats will be limited to 4 holiday parties.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm.