

Meeting 10/13/2022

Introductions

Principal's Update (by Carole Costello):

- Pumpkins arrive today, will be decorated soon. Will use buddies for the younger kids.
- Picture retake
- 10/27 - PD day, no school
- Halloween Parade 10/31 around 8:45
- Need two parents to serve on school council. Mandated by law to have school councils. Need to keep a ratio of teachers and parents. Council will inform school committee. Need a community member, look for 2 volunteers.
- Conferences - first year that Tahanto having true PTC, decided to have all on the same day as BMS. Will have to see the impact on Berlin and Boylston parents. Using new platform for Tahanto signups. Middle school will do pairs of teachers.

Grants Update:

- Only grant will be submitting to Berlin Cultural Council, has been submitted.
- Yellow School bus has funded buses for field trips, not doing this year.
- Will need to coach people on how to submit that in the future, last year for coordinator.
- Cultural council usually disperses money to many town events, but lately the school has been the only one asking so events have been funded

Cultural Events

- Considering an event, Fruit Fly Likes a Banana show. Big improv event.
- Can be open to the public.

Elections

- Discussion of positions, requirements
- Small executive board: Preside, VP, Treasurer and Secretary
- President: schedules meetings, makes agendas, manages the group.
- VP: In charge of absence of president, charge of the website and email.
- Treasurer: control of funds, creates monthly reports
- Secretary: takes minutes, shares meetings
- Other: Grants (searches and submits grants), Cultural (two shows a year), Volunteer (manages signup.com events and mailing lists) and Activity (manages after school events and paperwork) Coordinators. New ones - Marketing Manager (social media), Community Coordinator.
- Kyle will shadow president, Beth Bond will shadow Secretary.
- Will work on a manual on how to do everything - secretary volunteered to organize it.
- Grants - will share how to with treasurer in case anyone doesn't step in.
- Ballots collected, everyone nominated is accepted.

After School ideas:

- Many ideas submitted. Rock painting, terrariums, science. Scavenger hunts.
- Hands on Nature, possible spring programs, can run two of them for more kids. Possible winter one. Last years got canceled from lack of kids.
- Any other ideas, please submit. Will look for signups and payment options.
- Look into linking forms into shared folder

Scholastic Book Fair

- this year is set up already
- will set up a volunteer signup
- treasurer will get cash for cash drawer

Committee Creations - flier will go home, survey for parents to fill out to show interest

Schartner Farm - corn maze did not grow very high, would not hold up to high traffic.

Teacher Appreciation - November, do a thankful theme. 4th and 5th parents will do the first one. Will do early enough for leftovers. Scheduled for the 16th. Will ask for more than they need, so all staff can get enough.

Welcome Dance - no details yet.

IRS Update - still waiting for reinstatement of non-profit status. There are benefits of staying a non-profit. Back taxes are caught up. If we dont get status back we may have to pay taxes this year.

POD:

- School wide enrichment opportunities - got ideas from teachers
- School wide directory - will ask parents to volunteer

Treasurer's Update:

Two requests from the specials teachers - will need approval. Library - bought decal, will reimburse

Art - bought magnet boards - \$101. Motions passed.

Technology - \$27 - books for the classroom.

First grade - \$480 programs called KidLips - and some activity books and mirrors. Activity will be used more in the future. Motion made, seconded, passed.

Reading Tutor - requesting decodable books, also looking to make decodable library. Order has already been made for younger generations. Favorable response, teachers will write up proposal.

Carol Costello introduction.

Book Fair

After School activities - need equity between Boylston and Berlin

Financial Literacy - will encourage more classes in elementary and middle, Clinton Savings

Bank runs a class, could be after school program

- Reaching out to families that are new to the community
- More coordination between towns
- Need to communicate more about LINK with community and school admin.
- More communication in the community.
- Get more communication with Tahanto, bring younger kids to sports events.