



Team Bates PTO

"No one can do everything, but everyone can do something"

Team Bates Meeting Notes

September 20, 2016 at 7:00pm

Location: Bates Media Center

- **Opening:**
 - Introductions

- **Farm to School**
 - last week Garden tour took place. Project was funded in 2013. Coordinator Lisa Babe has a grant from 5 healthy towns (in conjunction with wellness center) goal to make it a learning garden. (Reference newsletter for schedule of monthly activities/events)
 - flyer for spring and fall cleanup going out this week
 - Wish list for items needed

- **Principal Update – Mr. Bruder**
 - Thank you for adhering to visitor policy. Don't want to come across that people can't come in building that is not the case, just want folks to follow the process for safety reasons
 - Reviewed new staff additions: Stacey Keeler (K), Ashley Kerns (2nd), Sally Meaner (ParaPro), Karen Porter (reading intervention) as well as Liz Berghorst (Music)
 - 2 Long-term subs: Brooke Fraley in for Aires. Jessica Bullion for Green.
 - 2 new job postings: hiring a lunch monitor. 2 hrs a day. facilitate safe environment and a Kinder/early elementary floater position to support (Bates/Corner/Wylie)
 - Assembly this week (NED show) went really well. Pay it forward by buying yo-yo's. Another school paid to have the program presented at Bates. Sales from Yo-Yo's will pay for program to go to another school.
 - PBIS: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports is a program designed to teach respect, responsibility and safety at school. At Bates School, we will encourage students to continuously make good behavioral choices by implementing this program. Children had training at each station and this will be reinforced continually throughout the year
 - 2 fire drills held so far and both successful. Tomorrow district wide shelter in place drill
 - Homecoming. Friday maroon and gold day. Parade will take place in afternoon/time will be somewhere between 1-1:30. Ryan Bruder will tweet out the information as he receives it.
 - NWEA assessments started today. Kids taking it on Ipads and the questions are audio based (read to them). Example: match the letter to the sound that you hear. Message to the kids... "Just do your best":

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- **Financial**

- 2016-2017 Budget update
- 2016-2017 Grant Schedule
- 2016-2017 Fundraiser Ideas
 - MLM fair at Book Fair: Decided to not move forward with this
 - Mom prom: tabled. Complex insurance prohibits us from doing this
 - Other ideas:
 - amazon smiles
 - Wishing Well: put it out at all events (with a description about what it is)
 - have a contest/change wars by class (buckets for each class)
 - get moving crew (Ryan used in the past, they take a portion of funds raised) OR mirror what GMC does but run it with volunteers
 - can get itemized receipts for tax purposes
 - Feedback: Need to know more about the fundraisers. Is there a better way to communicate?
 - Bushes instructions: how to link your myway account.
 - Grant application mirrored from Cornerstone
 - Feedback: need a way to highlight or target what was done in the past.

- **Social Media**

- Guidelines for posting: keep the page clean and easy to navigate
- Members? Just parents/staff or community: keep membership limited to primary care givers

- **Upcoming Events:**

- Ice Cream Social - September 21 (Kathie Chan, Kim Konuszewski)
- Bates Blast – September 28 (Lisa Williams, Betsy Bluhm)
- Book Fair – week of November 14 (Lindsey Clifford, Dawn Monroe)

Discussed messaging surrounding events. Bates Beacon/ school email goes out on Tuesdays get any updates to Heidi /Ryan by Monday

- **Chair updates:** (3-5 minutes each)

- Watch DOGS - Clare Walsh
- Reading Garden - Colette Collins
 - Reading garden: October 8 fall cleanup. Time: anywhere between 9-12 or however long you want to come. kids are fine
- Yearbook – Ashley Hopkins
 - replay app for yearbook pictures
 - label classroom and child name if you can

- Movie Night - Sandy Steinbeck
- Teacher Appreciation – Hope/Gemma
 - teacher appreciation kicked off Sept 21. donation from Dexter bakery
 - bringing in non-perishables to stock kitchen (request in October)
 - parent teacher conferences: jimmy johns provided
 - December: cookie exchange. ask for 100 dozen
 - Wish list last year was logistically tricky: Ryan will take poll at next teacher meeting and get back to us (to replace wish list)
- **Open Discussion/Ideas:**
 - include in next email an overview of year (calendar)
 - Fundraising goals/projects listed with a Cal on the back
 - Pin it to the top of the Facebook page so it stays on top
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Upcoming Meetings:

3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7pm in the media center