



Team Bates PTO

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

Team Bates Meeting Agenda

October 18, 2016 at 7:00pm

Location: Bates Media Center

- **Opening:**
 - Introductions

- **Principal Update – Mr. Bruder**
 - Huge thank you to Team Bates. Rescheduling the Bates Blast day ended up working out well. Day was smooth and the kids had a great time.
 - Aerial photo of all students outside for yearbook was great
 - Field trips underway for a number of classes, going to some great places
 - Playground Updates: new fence installed that creates boundaries between school and the cemetery and walk way.
 - Playground repairs are scheduled to fix a few things. Replace missing swings, repairing broken ones. Some other minor repairs
 - "Bring your Mug" morning scheduled for Nov 4. Open invitation for parents to meet in the cafeteria for coffee, meet and greet/question/comments/ etc. Start time: 8:15
 - Parent teacher conferences starting... now through November

- **Financial (15 minutes)**
 - 2016-2017 Budget update
 - Mum sale brought in \$998. Past years approx. \$700
 - Box tops are already at approx. \$650...
 - Bates blast: \$8793.50
 - Busch's fund: currently at \$370. Will come in quarterly. Meijer program canceled
 - 2016-2017 Grant Schedule – review dates
 - modeling Cornerstone. No grants have come in yet.
 - 2016-2017 Fundraiser Ideas
 - Natalie to poll families and gather feedback about preferred fundraising method/timing
 - Parent survey... via Google Forms coming
 - Take a pulse on satisfaction thus far.
 - Zap Zone fundraising: Wylie and cornerstone are both participating. Bates could try to do it alongside cornerstone to create community/comradery
 - Consider doing a school based movie night /drop off your kids. Split proceeds with CS&L. parents can drop off kids for a small fee (@\$10)
 - Posh: direct sale company. 20% of sales to the school. Will be a table at time of conference and book fair night

- **Ice Cream Social Review:**
 - September 21 (Kathie Chan, Kim Konuszewski)
 - What went well?
 - Anything to note for next year?
 - Consider doing it the 3rd week of school vs the 2nd

- **Bates Blast Review:**
 - October 12 (Lisa Williams, Betsy Bluhm)
 - What went well?
 - Anything to note for next year?
 - Mr. McHugh did a great job. Lots of parents/volunteers participated
 - Donations from Meijer and Bushes covered the snacks this year
 - A concern about asking for donations on a lot of things all at once at beginning of year.

- Feedback from some that they liked being able to just donate what they could and not have to buy product
 - Consider adding "Pay schools" for next year in order to allow people to donate online vs writing a check
 - Check with pay schools to see if they provide a receipt for tax purposes
 - Idea to explore getting donations from companies
 - T-shirts- companies could sponsor and have their names listed on the back of the shirt
 - In the future consider a sign/banner that we could store Bates. Right now the one Bates has is pretty big and its stored at Wylie
 - T-shirt donations from prior years... do this at the end of the year and then put them out at open house for next year
- **MIRM presentation:** Mrs. Shields
 - **March is Reading Month**
 - Focus on love of reading.
 - Incentive free
 - The love of the world around us
 - Nonfiction theme for this year. Last year was fairytales
 - During the week each class will have related activities to support existing curriculum
 - Real people, real places, Animals, Transportation
 - Each classroom will have a nonfiction theme of their own
 - Nonfiction themed reading nooks
 - Banners or bunting out front to share with the community that 'something special is going on at Bates'
 - Kids who love reading to learn live happier ever after
 - End of month culminating activity: mad science... looking into doing 2 assemblies (\$600-700)
 - How can Team Bates help?: Decorating: doors, cafeteria, common areas, front of building/bates sign.
- **Upcoming Events:** (3 minutes each, 9 minutes total)
 - Book Fair – week of November 14 (Lindsey Clifford, Jennifer Simpson, Dawn Monroe)
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 - Movie Night – Sandy Steinbeck /January
 - End of January. Jan 19th (tentative date). Movie most likely: "Finding Dory". Pizza at 5:30. Movie starts at 6. Popcorn and cookies
 - Fall/Winter Direct Sales Fundraiser?

Math Night:

- **Chair updates:** (3-5 minutes each)
 - Watch DOGS - Clare Walsh
 - Box Tops – Sandy Steinbeck
 - Last year was \$650.
 - Will collect at the end of October
 - Reading Garden - Colette Collins
 - Fall reading garden clean-up day was successful
 - Spring clean-up in April/May will be needed
 - Future: need to figure out where Garden ownership falls (Bates PTO or building grounds)
 - Yearbook – Ashley Hopkins
 - Next week will start posting how to buy information
 - Will put up a few signs
 - Teacher Appreciation – Hope Herron, Gemma Randazzo
 - November: stock the lounge and jimmy johns provided
 - December: cookie exchange- (Dec 19th)
 - Jan: Zingerman's treats

- Feb: parents donate \$5 gift cards for things around town (for teachers and staff)
 - March: St pats /cupcakes
 - April: stock the lounge. Can also send in money and that will be used to purchase items for the lounge
 - May: Cinco de mayo
 - Kalahari – Lindsey Clifford -January 5
 - \$119 a night. Once 10 rooms booked you get \$10 off the room. Rooms need to be booked by December 6th
 - Others
 - **Farm to School** program
- **Open Discussion:**

Natalie: conducting interviews to determine how to share information with parents
 Envisioning something in a spotlight format via a monthly newsletter. Each month do a highlight with one of the Specials. This will also serve as “meet the teacher” to learn more about the teacher and what goals are of the specials class, what they are working on and how parents can help or support at home. Could also highlight Bates PTO, Bates Safety (drills, shelter in place). In the Spring review details on transitioning to Wylie. Science and humanities (not a special but covered by teachers).

Upcoming Meetings:

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

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 15th