

**B.A. Cucinella Elementary School**

**PTO Meeting Minutes**

**October 21, 2019**

Attendance: Denise Scairpon, Mark Kitchin (Observer-Tribune, Guest), Nicole Pecoroba, Jennifer Campbell (RP), Regina Archer, Michelle Dornfeld, Marie Janssen (RP), Kelly DeMayo (RP), Sally Applegate (RP), Jessica DeCicco (RP), Kiera Mitchell, Aimee Costello, Tori Reade (RP), Naomi Byank (RP), Hazel Marques, Aimee Ruhacs (RP), Laura Hunter, Joann Paris, Kim Nestor

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am. Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
2. Tabled for November Meeting.
3. **Reports:**
4. **Assistant Principal’s Report:**
5. Report Cards for 1st Marking Period coming out November.
6. Conferences with teacher’s will be done via sign-up genius, should already have gone out.
7. Staff have been participating in many fundraiser’s, ie. Juvenile Diabetes, Sarah’s Hope, Infant Loss, Breast Cancer Awareness, etc. Great tie-in with the children’s school spirit days.
8. Stuff-the-Bus currently underway with tables in the hallway outside of the office for cokllections until this Friday, 10/25/19.
9. Sensory Hallway is in, getting quite a bit of use already. Has already been expanded to Music Hallway, and there are plans to roll out more of this modality on the second floor in the future.
10. Two assemblies completed this year, both well-received by children and staff. Information was sent home to all parents regarding topics (this was applauded by parents who wanted to know what their children are getting at school!)
11. Ever-popular Theatre Week is starting sign-ups.
12. Bus Safety Assembly is coming up for students.
13. Halloween Parade on 10/31/19 starts at 12:45 pm. Information will be sent home via email to all parents and via WTBOE Communication.
14. School picture retakes are 11/5/19.
15. Teacher Convention (Schools Closed) November 7 & 8.
16. **PTO Board Reports:**
    1. **Treasurer & Fundraising Report:**

“Opt Out” fundraiser was successful raising nearly $2700.00 so far.

Welcome BAC night raised approximately $500.00

Nellie Mascots, we have sold about half of our inventory.

Spirit Bracelets, we have sold approximately 2/3 of our inventory.

Boon Supply fundraiser made about $4000.00 to date, can continue to order on-line until June and it still gets credited back to BAC.

Gertrude Hawk books went home, delivery scheduled for 11/9/19, time TBA

BoxTops: You can still clip out and send in Box Tops. You can also do the virtual boxtops program (see our facebook group page for instructions from Sylvia Hanna.) October is “Boxtoberfest” with class prizes awarded for most collected. (additional recess time!)

SaveAround Coupon Books are expected to be delivered any day and will go home sometime in November.

Clothing Drive Scheduled for 11/16/19 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with the truck coming at 3:30 pm for pick up. Flyers will be posted on FB group and sent home to parents. Possibly doing a kids Home Depot workshop from 3-5:00 pm on this same day, Jaime Bergen looking into details.

Paint A Sign (adult night out) is tentatively scheduled for 12/4, but pending Schooley’s Mountain Firehouse approval of the date. More to come.

NASA Proposal will be submitted via Jessica DeCicco and the team of teachers she is working with no later than 12/2/19. Fingers Crossed!

Sky Zone / Dine to Donate fundraiser planned for January 17th with Snow Date of January 31st. Details of times and restaurants still in the works, more to follow.

1. **Membership Report:**

Tabled. Membership numbers to be reviewed at November meeting.

Reminder, if the request for parent participation is teacher driven (ie. Read-Aloud) you do not need to be a PTO member. But for other programs (ie. Book Fair, class parties, etc.) you DO need to be in the PTO in order to participate.

1. **Assemblies / Programs Report:**

The Sign-Up Genius to be a photographer for the yearbook is located on the Cucinella PTO Facebook page. Reminder that phone-based photos cannot be used due to the poor resolution for print quality.

Two more Assemblies coming up in the new year: Mad Science and Hip Pickles. All details will be reviewed prior to assemblies to ensure formats and schedules.

Program Chairs and committee members for this school year are still being sought. Still need chairs for several committees. All hands needed to fill these spots.

Halloween Trick or Trunk: Melissa Cervenka and the rest of her 5th Grade ghouls have organized a wonderful event! They will be putting out a sign-up genius, and a flyer will go out to all families

Trick or Trunk details: Friday,10/25/19 from 6:30-8:00 pm. (set-up starts at 5:30 pm) Boy Scouts will be there selling food, DJ Polka Dot is secured, Location for cars, DJ, pumpkin contest, etc are all planned out. Teal pumpkins available for those with Allergy concerns.

1. **Teacher Grants:**

Marie Janssen is chairing the Teacher Grant Committee. Applications are out to the staff at BAC and the due date is Friday, November 1st. Completed applications can be sent to [msjpto@gmail.com](mailto:msjpto@gmail.com)

Melissa Keiser and Denise Scairpon must approve of the application and then the PTO Board along with the committee chair and the committee, will decide whom to grant the awards to. These will be selected/awarded before Thanksgiving.

Please see attached Grant Application for details.

1. **Old Business**
2. None currently.
3. **New Business**
4. WT Schools BOE Candidates presented their platforms to the PTO general membership with a guest form the Observer-Tribune in attendance. The actual videos of candidate presentations from the LVMS PTA Meeting can be viewed on the Facebook Group called PROOF.
5. The next PTO Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the BAC Cafetorium.

**Meeting Adjourned 10:02 a.m.**

**Recorded by: K. Nestor**