
In Attendance

Jennifer D'Angelo –President, Jessica Stearns – VP, Sarah Susco – Treasurer, Emily Shrader – Secretary
Brian Kalkreuth- Principal,
Parents- Samantha Saren, Robin Foley, Danielle Lavallee, Devon Sullivan, Heather Treptow, Bre Beach

Introductions

Jen called the meeting to order, and everyone introduced themselves.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Kalkreuth gave an update from the latest BOE and BOF meetings. The Board of Finance cut the BOE budget by \$650,000. However, due the fact that the BOE budgeted for a 12% health insurance increase and the state is now saying 7%, that will be a difference of a few hundred thousand dollars in savings. So, there will be no loss in staffing at this time! The next BOF meeting is 4/24.
- Class Placements: Please share your input with Mr. Kalkreuth as soon as possible.
- School-wide town meeting and many field trips and on-site activities are planned for every grade level. To name a few- Kindergarten will be getting a visit from Hodges, a service dog with a local police dept. Grade 3 will be going on field trips to Project O, and grade 4 will be going to Florence Griswold Museum and they will be transitioning to middle school.
- Smarter Balanced Assessments are approaching.
- Spring Concerts will be 5/30 & 5/31 in the evening.

Treasurer's Report

- Sarah reviewed the Profits and Losses sheet. Amazon charged us for a business account instead of a non-profit, so we got a reimbursement. Profits include income from the Book Fair, Butter Braids, Flanders Fish Dine Out, Cash Box, T-Shirt Sale and Yearbook Sales. Expenses include Basket Raffle, Book Fair payout to Scholastic, Butter Braids, Cash Box, East Lyme Scholarship Fund, Teacher Appreciation, and Staff Reimbursement.
- We will keep M&T open until we get the final Amazon Smile payout.
- This month we brought in \$12,529.16 and spent \$5,206.01. The bank balance is \$29,308.43 at Chelsea Groton and \$5,710.44 at M & T for a total of \$35,018.87.

Fundraiser's Report/Unfinished Business

- Basket Raffle: Event was a success. Thank you to all of the parents and teachers for their help organizing class baskets. They were all amazing and we appreciate your support. We had a nice turn out. The pizza truck, ice cream truck and magician were a hit. The total profit was \$3,594.36.
- Spring Book Fair: It was very successful. There was a lot of positive feedback about having it during conference week. As a result, the line during the family fun night was much more manageable. However, volunteers were more difficult to find during the half-day afternoons. Total sales excluding tax was \$11,375.48 (the previous record was about \$10,800). Cash profit was \$2,343.87. We took in \$1,000 in

scholastic dollars, plus \$200 for doing the 4 activities Scholastic asks us to do, plus \$1,137 because this was our second book fair this year, so we got an extra 10% of the total sale in scholastic dollars.

- Yearbook: Danielle provided an update. She has been contacting 4th grade parents to refund if they accidentally paid for a yearbook. There has been some confusion with the advertisement pages and Danielle has been communicating with parents. The deadline for yearbook purchases is 5/12.
- Nominating Committee: Robin Foley, Bre Beach, and Devon Sullivan will comprise the nominating committee. The committee will choose a chairperson from amongst themselves. Please contact the committee if you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else for an open position on the PTA board. The committee will officially nominate one person per open position, and they will report their nominees on May 10th via email and Facebook. Anyone not nominated by the nominating committee but wishing to run against the nominee must notify Jen D'Angelo 1 week before the election. Only individuals who are current paid members (paid before May 8th) and have signified their consent to serve if elected should be nominated. Only paid members (paid before May 8th) may vote at the election. No members of the nominating committee may be nominated for any position.

Upcoming Events/New Business

- PTA Elections: Sarah and Jessica will be stepping down and Emily will move to Vice President for the 2023-2024 school year. Board member positions for Secretary and Treasurer are available. If you have any questions about these positions, feel free to reach out to Sarah or Emily to learn more about the positions. Please contact the nominating committee if you are interested in being nominated. Nominations are due by 5/10. Elections will be held 5/17.
- Teacher Appreciation Week: May 8-12- The PTA will be doing something different each day. On Tuesday there will be a lunch for the staff from Nana Byrek. On Friday there will be pizza for the staff sponsored by Kelly Hanretta and family. There will be a sign-up genius for drinks, desserts, paper goods and raffle items if you would like to contribute. Sign up will be on Facebook and via sway/email.
- LBH Shirts: Each year the PTA pays for shirts for incoming kindergarteners, new students, and new teachers. In the past we have used a printing shop and paid \$10.40 per shirt or through our apparel sale and paid \$8 per shirt. It was decided that it would be better to have the apparel sale now so that we can get these shirts at a discount and have them ready for the first day of school.
- Kindergarten Meet and Greet- Since Danielle Lavallee has an incoming kindergartener, she will organize the two Playground Meet and Greets on the fish playground. This is a nice opportunity for new students and parents to meet other Lillie B families. The PTA will provide snacks.

Comments/Next Meeting

Heather asked about the 4th grade activities. The Jumping Cow ice cream truck will immediately follow the outdoor promotion ceremony on June 14th. June 15th is the rain date which is a half day and the last day of school.

The PTA paid \$500 to cover the evening portion of the Science Spectacular.

The next Lillie B. PTA meeting is May 17th at 6:30 pm in the Lillie B. Haynes Library.