

Friday, October 13, 2023

Bumpus Middle School

PTO Executive Board Meeting

Members in attendance: Marcie Morris, Josie Kurz, Liz Conboy, Hillary Wilkerson, Susan Moll, Amy Stephens, Spring Rush, Carolyn Bunch, Shanthi Ravikumar, Sunny Slone, Donna Burke, Eva Cottrell.

Meeting called to order by Josie Kurz at 8:47am.

Motion to approve August minutes by Liz Conboy, seconded by Eva Cottrell. Motion passed by unanimous vote to approve.

President's Report - (Katie Friedman not present)

- HPTC meeting was yesterday, it was mainly a tour of RC3 by Maddox. Maddox has now visited every school in the district.
- HCS had the most students participate in the Special Olympics.
- Maddox shared his passion for the Performing Arts Center and wants it to raise money. He's looking for a sound and lighting person to improve the quality of the productions.
- There will be no rezoning for a few years.
- RC3 catered breakfast for the meeting and they're available for hire. We will consider them for future events at Bumpus.
- Comedy show for the HCSF fundraiser is Tuesday, October 24th.

Principal's Report - Donna Burke

- Test scores (ACAP/IReady/Report Cards) will go home in a folder (grey, black, or orange depending on the grade) next Friday, October 20th. They will have explanation sheets showing what the scores mean and goal sheets for students to have a growth goal.
- Burke stressed that this is not for a comparison from student to student. Folders should be under lock and key and only for parents and the student. They will be returned and remain in the classrooms.
- Furniture still hasn't arrived but should be coming in soon.
- Discussed the desire to be more generic in winter decorations going forward and using themes like snowmen. If necessary, Burke allowed the use of the Principal's Fund. The idea was mentioned about using inflatables this year because they're easy to turn on and off and don't create a mess. We can put one on every floor.
- Several issues about 6th grade were brought to Dr. Burke's attention. Homework issues (some teams having excessive homework each night) have been discussed in meetings

with Mr. Jones and they're taking care of it. Another issue brought up was the 6th grade silent lunches. Burke agreed that we need to find an alternative rather than making the kids be silent during lunch and that consequences for an entire group probably isn't fair. Burke noted that this 6th grade class is the largest class at 417 kids.

- There was also discussion about getting clarity on the costume for the dance in November. Some parents expressed confusion about the dressing up and if it was for magic or Halloween costumes. Sunny said she will discuss with SGA and clarify.

Treasurer's Report - (Julie Dozier not present)

- End of September is \$51,859.
- We will hold off on voting - will likely do an email vote on the budget via email before the next PTO meeting.

Fundraising Report - Liz Conboy

- Color run went smoothly. Amy sent thank you cards to the sponsors. We received \$42,700, had \$30,551 after expenses which puts up about \$5k over budget for the color run.
- We still have loads of Bumpus shirts. We discussed finding a way to get them to our 5th graders in the feeder schools. So far, they've only brought in \$2,800 in profits. We discussed doing a rush for playoffs week and making it a "blackout" themed week. Liz will discuss it with Heather and get social media pushes to advertise.
- Shanthi says GoFan works well and we discussed more about using GoFan for shirts, but Carolyn said the downside is that we have to raise the price across the board - we can't charge two different prices.
- Spirit night is Tuesday at Magic Milkshakes. It's from 4 - close. You don't have to mention Bumpus, but when we have our CFA spirit night, we'll have to check a box for Bumpus when we order.

Hospitality - (Adrian Bevis not present)

- Dip Day is October 27th. We discussed whether we bring the chips and crackers or if Adrian will purchase and bring them. Susan will discuss with Adrian. Don't bring a nice dish, but rather a disposable dish and spoon. Some mentioned that they have those at Dollar Tree. Items need to be delivered by 10am.

Events - Hillary Wilkerson

- Nothing to report

Volunteers - Carolyn Bunch

- Justin sent an email to all of us with helpful suggestion and feedback for the volunteers for next year's Color Run.

Communications Report - (Heather Kirk not present)

- Nothing to report

Faculty Report - Sunny Sloane Not Present

- Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 am.