PTO Middle School
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
9:30am

Attendance: Erica Baldasare, Shanna Caplan, Nic DeWalt, Dr. Daphna Gans, Val Franks, Anna Joyce, Dr. Christine Mussomeli, Amanda Nasman, Dr. Daniel O'Rourke, Nicole Paoly, Kelly Powell, James Reik, Pamela Scureman, Gina Swanson, Gina Tarr, S. Unlu

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance led by Erica Baldasare.

Reading and Approval of Agenda Dr. Mussomeli moved to approve the Agenda. Pam seconded the motion.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from February Amanda Nasman moved to approve the February Minutes. Pam seconded the motion.

Treasurer Report - Amanda Nasman

- The balance was $34,214.06 at the beginning of February. After $115.30 in receipts (Amazon Smile, a student and a staff PTO membership) and $1,535.35 in disbursements (Staff Appreciation and Boyce Pride), the balance at the end of February was $32,794.01.

Secretary Correspondence - Nicole Paoly had nothing to report.

Teacher Representative - Mr. Henderson

- Empty paper towel rolls are needed for the 6th grade Science classes.
- Mrs. Antonio reported that over $3,000 was raised for Ronald McDonald House during the Valentine's Day fundraiser.
- Mrs. Homer and several other teachers send their thanks for the new recess equipment.

Boyce Principal - Dr. O'Rourke

- Updates
    - March Boyce Pride Awards were held this past Monday.
    - Kaaveri Patil, a 6th grader, won the lower division Shakespeare contest.
    - A team of six 5th graders placed first at the Odyssey of the Mind Spontaneous Fun Day.
    - Arjun Kairi placed first and Max Reyes placed third in the History Bee.
    - In the Science Bee, Max Reyes placed first and Avik Pandey placed second.
    - Arjun Kairi also finished in third place in the Geography Bee. All three students qualified to compete in their respective national Bees.
- A March Madness Fundraiser is being led by PE teachers, Tyler George and Abbey Digregorio. Funds raised will be donated to the Leukemia Foundation. They are also having a Half-court Shot contest to benefit a current Boyce student's sibling who is battling leukemia.

- Dr. Mussomeli spoke briefly about Middle Level Education Month. Boyce works with PAMLE and AMLE.

School Board Representative - Dr. Daphna Gans

Dr. Gans is the School Board President. The School Board recently approved the 2023-24 school calendar. They have also been able to approve the curriculum recommendations brought forth by

teachers. All the recent achievements of Boyce school community, staff, and students were commended by Dr. Gans.

What's New Since Our Last General Meeting?

- Recess equipment was delivered to each of Boyce's twenty-four homerooms last Monday, February 27th. Each mesh bag was filled with basketballs, foam footballs, kick balls and frisbees.
- Boyce Spelling Bee - Aanya Jha (2nd place) stepped in for Boyce winner Luka Beric at the Western PA Spelling Bee this past weekend. Aanya placed 6th overall with the exit word of *abnegation.*
- BJ's Restaurant spirit night occurred on February 15th. Thank you for supporting the PTO!
- We are currently seeking candidates for 2023/2024 Committees and the Executive Board. Open board positions are for vice president (a three year commitment) and secretary (a two year term). Please contact any of the current board members if you are interested or have any questions.

What's Happening in the Coming Days/Weeks…

- **Boyce Musicals**
  - The 6th grade performs April 18th and 19th. The show begins at 7pm in the Boyce Theater.
  - The 5th grade performs April 20th and 21st. These shows are also at 7pm in the Boyce Theater.
- **Spirit Night** at Chipotle on Rt. 19 will be on Tuesday, April 25th from 5 to 9pm.
- **Deer Valley**
  - As a reminder to 6th grade families, forms and payment are due Friday, March 17th.
  - The next Parent Meeting is scheduled for April 26th from 7 to 8:30pm in the Boyce Theater. It is recommended that the parent going on the trip attend this meeting.
- **Arts in USC** is in the planning stages currently. The PTC has said that this event will be an art show this year instead of the typical contest.

Next PTO Meeting: April 12, 2023 1pm, *please note the change in time.* A registration link will be in the Monthly Bulletins.

Adjournment