

General Meeting Boyce Middle School PTO

Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 9:30 am

Attendance: Andrea Amorose, Erica Baldasare, Lindsay Beck, Val Franks, Daphna Gans, Dawn Hanna, Matt Henderson, Jess Nash, Amanda Nasman, Terri O'Connor, Dan O'Rourke, Nicole Paoly, and Gina Swanson.

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

Reading and Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Lindsay Beck. Andrea Amorose seconded the motion.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from February: A motion to approve the minutes from February was made by Lindsay Beck. Andrea Amorose seconded the motion.

Statement of the Treasurer – Terri O'Connor (see attached reports)

- The sock sale did really well!
- The yearbook refund was larger than expected.
- The proposed budget for the 2022-2023 school year will be presented in April.

Correspondence – Nicole Paoly

- Two thank you notes from Random Acts of Kindness week. (See attached)
- The deadline for the April Boyce Bulletin is March 26th.

Speaker - Mr. Matt Henderson

- Dr. O'Rourke spoke briefly about the four expressive arts (EAs) classes that students rotate through in 9 week increments. The current EAs are Music, Art, Library, and STEAM. STEAM replaced the more traditional Industrial Arts. A grant from Steelcase, a furniture company located in Michigan, allowed the current STEAM classrooms to be created from three classrooms. Approximately five years ago, Steelcase created a promotional video about the STEAM classroom and curriculum at Boyce Middle School. The video was shown at the PTO meeting this morning.

Mr. Henderson then gave a presentation to the PTO about the STEAM Design class at Boyce. Curriculum is covered in a Year A/Year B format to allow both 5th and 6th grades to work on similar projects on different levels. The class focuses on the "Design Cycle" and the 4 Cs of Education (communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking). This is the first year that students have used the TinkerCAD program in the curriculum. Mr. Henderson concluded with a reminder that a STEAM supply drive will be held in April.

- Teacher Representative – Matt Henderson
 1. Mr. Madge invites everyone to a combined Fort Couch and Boyce Middle School bands concert on March 30th at 7 pm. The concert, which celebrates Music in Schools month, will be held in the USC High School theater.

School Board

- School Board Representative - Daphna Gans reports that the School Board will begin reviewing the budget in April. The Board is moving towards a more "regular" focus of recognizing teachers/students and dealing with educational topics.

Reports

- Executive Committee
 - President – Erica Baldasare reported for Pamela Scureman.
 - Looking for a VP and have a candidate for Treasurer
 - Celebrating upcoming National Days
 - National Teacher Aide/Paraprofessional Day, April 6

- National Administrative Professional Day, April 27
- National Nurse Day, May 6th
- School Lunch Hero Day, May 6th
- Teacher Appreciation week, May 2 - 6th
- 1st Vice President – Erica Baldasare had nothing to report for herself.
- 2nd Vice President – Dan O’Rourke
 - Soccer Shootouts are being held at the beginning of gym classes to raise money for ALS. This was organized by two Juniors from the high school.
 - The Battle of the Books was held last week. Between 250 and 300 students participated.
 - Erin Kyle, 5th grade Science teacher, and Bridget Kaufmann, 6th grade ELA teacher, both received the Promising Practitioner Award from PAMLE.
 - Students participate in Pride Time Activities such as Art, STEAM, Gym, or Board Games, about twice a month.
 - ELA PSSAs are April 25 through 27 (this is different from the dates at Fort Couch). The Math PSSAs are May 3 and 4.
- Board Advisor – Andrea Amorose
 - Boyce Pride recognized 20 students this month.
 - STEAM drive will be held in April. A flier will be sent out with requested items later this month.

Standing and Reporting Committees/Reporting Organizations

- Author Day will be held virtually on May 24. Aisha Saeed is the guest author this year.
- Dates for:
 - Celebration of Learning - moved to May 25th
 - Grade 4 move-up day - Thursday, June 2, during school
 - Field Day - Friday, June 3 (rain date Monday, June 6)
 - 4th grade parent move-up - June 6, 7 - 8:30 pm, Boyce Theater
 - 6th grade graduation party - Wednesday, June 8th, during school (rain date Tuesday, June 7)
- The Staff Appreciation Committee is holding a fitness class for staff and teachers at SWEAT. In April, they will be Stuffing the Breakroom.
- The Spring Spirit Wear Sale began this past weekend and runs through the 20th. Items are set to arrive on April 22.
- A Spirit Day will be held at Primo Hoagies on May 9. A flier with more information will be in the April Boyce Bulletin.
- The Arts in USC contest has ended. Results will be announced soon.
- Yearbook delivery is expected to be May 31. Events that occur after the yearbook is submitted will have a QR code that links to a webpage which can support photos and videos. Lindsay Beck requested that parents submit photos - with faces, please - to the following email addresses for inclusion in the yearbook.
 - SPORTS PHOTOS: submit+1260221@edophotos.com
 - ARTS PHOTOS (Band, Chorus, Orchestra): submit+1260222@edophotos.com
 - CLUBS PHOTOS (Boy or Girl Scouts, Odyssey of the Mind teams):
submit+1260223@edophotos.com
 - DEER VALLEY PHOTOS: coming soon

The PTO plans to pay for the Boyce student yearbooks this year. The total cost of the yearbooks is \$6,641. A vote to approve this cost will occur at the General PTO meeting in April.

The next PTO meeting will be held April 20, 2022, at 9:30 am.

