

December PTO Meeting 12/13/2022 7pm in the BES Library

Attendance-sheet went around. Please add your email if you want a copy of the minutes.

Craft Fair Update- went well. A bit chaotic with Friday night SNHU concert. Went well overall. No volunteers on Sunday so there was a lot of work and only a few people so it took extra time. Definitely sign up more volunteers for Sunday next year. Next year maybe have the BINGO on a separate weekend. Angela will hopefully do the craft fair again next year. She would like to have someone follow her from beginning to end to show them the ropes and have some help. Feedback for the raffles was that other schools have a sheet of paper with the numbers on it.

Craft Fair at the Book Fair- Forfeited it this year. Melissa wants to know who is going to do it for next year. Do we want to do the book fair at the Craft Fair now that the Book Fair at BES happens in the Fall? The space was used for the High School groups instead. Going to scrap it for next year.

BINGO- went well. Maybe say doors open at 5:30 because Pizzas were not there yet. Families seemed to enjoy it. Approximately 156 people. We over ordered on the pizza, but the volunteers at the craft fair ate them. Family feedback was that it was awesome and enjoyed by all. Professional photographer took the pictures. Link was sent out to the families with a gallery of the pictures. Kudos to Connor for his assistance with music etc.

Draft Budget

Charleston Wrap did prizes come in for BES. BMS prizes were distributed. There

January/February Events

Movie Night- Friday Night In the Cafeteria because food isn't allowed in the GYM. Parents can bring sleeping bags and blankets and hang out. January 20th. Encanto will be the Movie. Doors open at 5:00 and the movie starts at 5:30. We will sell Pizza and all proceeds will go toward the playground fund. A Community member reached out about raising money for the playground fund as well. Collect the pizza money through Parent Square and that will be easier vs. Paypal.

Sledding- February 3rd and a make up date for the 10th. Sell Hot Chocolate. Community Building can be booked incase bathrooms need to be used. Michelle, Darcy or Malinda can be called.

Big and Small Ball- Child and Adult Dance. March 24th.

5th and 6th Grade Social- will be in April.

Gender Queer Book

Ally is on the board for the new book Gender Queer. Deciding on whether or not it should be in the Library. Meeting tomorrow to decide whether to remove it. If not discussing guidelines for the book in general. The book is graphic and many feel that that is not appropriate in our High School Library. Board is the librarian, teachers, a PTO member (Ally). Policy is if you object to a book in the library there is a form to fill out and then send to the principal, from there a committee is formed and then from there it goes to the school board. Are there written guidelines re: books that are in the library. Lori says books that are picked for the library align with the curriculum. The Librarians are professionals who have liberty to choose what books to purchase for the library. Maybe we need to put some guidelines or a process in place where they are not. We don't want to lose control as a community of what happens for each individual book.

Teacher Appreciation- Coffee/Cocoa cart is a GO. BES is on board for the coverage of recess. Adam at BMS is hesitant, so may need some convincing. Maybe a mix of teachers and parents as a compromise.

Chair Massages- Sara Winter is willing to provide her services for massage and will check with others and see if there are others willing to provide services.

Comedian/Stand up Comic?

Color Run- Lori has set up an appointment with the Company, either a Color Run or a Fun Run. Looking at doing that in May. Family Run not just kids. On the lower track. Let the company do the fine tuning for the Run.

8th Grade T-Shirts need to be done earlier, April so it isn't last minute and chaotic.

Next Meeting is Tuesday January 10th at 7pm in the BES Library.