

Blasdell Elementary School 22-23 October Meeting

Date: October 13th, 2022

Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Call Meeting to Order:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence

Approval of the Meeting Minutes from September 28th, 2022.

1. Rachel Barrett
2. Helen Senese

Superintendent Report – Christopher Swiatek

Mr. Swiatek came to our October meeting and spoke about the new security measures going on at Blasdell and throughout the district. At Blasdell this includes new security film on the first-floor windows and doors. Locked entrances with limited key fob entry. We will also be getting film on our interior front entrance so that people cannot see into the hall. He also went into more detail about the new front entrance, bus loop, extra parking and new playground. They will also be adding new drainage for green space on the side for kids to play. They will do their best to keep trees, but some will have to come down and they will plant new ones. The community garden will be moved near the new playground and the Blasdell bell is being preserved and will be put in a glass case and put inside. Mr. Swiatek addressed an online petition that was going around regarding a daily lunch option of cheeseburgers. He let us know due to budget and supply they would probably not be back as a daily option but that the new Food Service Manager Anne Rich is doing a great job, and is great at communication

Principals Report – Shannon Thurston

Mrs. Thurston spoke about the lock down drills and how information is sent out via Blackboard. She also spoke about parent volunteer training, how parents are allowed to be homeroom parents, and volunteer to go in to the classrooms. As well as the opportunity to go in and have lunch with your child.

Teachers Report – Helen Senese

The new teachers thanked the PTA and parents for supplying books/supplies from their Scholastic wishlists.

4th & 5th grade: Clubs are starting: Yoga, art, service and Student Government

Square 1 Art: The art is being worked on with Ms. Juron on art class. Information will be sent home.

Board Member Reports

- Nicole Sweeney: Treasurer: Reviewed the following:
 - Balance as of September 28th: \$17,927.94
 - Current Balance: \$18,937.67
 - Profits:
 - Water Bottle Sales: \$50.00
 - Membership: \$233.00
 - Expenses:
 - Kindergarten Welcome Night: \$85.21

- Jennifer Silver: Council Delegate: She went over what was discussed at the PTA Council Board meeting which included discussions regarding Jostens and how picture day went for each school. The next PTA Council meeting will be on November 2nd.
- Courtney Malicki: Membership Chair:
 - Our Membership Goal for the year is: 172
 - Our Current Membership is: 152
 - Apparel orders were closed and should be filled withing 2-3 weeks. They will be distributed to the students homerooms.
- Lizzii Young: Fundraising Chair: Lizzie was unavailable, so Nicole Sweeny updated us on where fundraising stood.
 - Premium Coffee: Orders have been sent home to children and are due back 11/4. Fill out the forms and all checks should be made out to: Blasdell Elementary PTA. Products will be available for pick up in December.
 - Chicken BBQ: with Hamburg Masters: will be held on Friday 3/24/22. We will be needing volunteers for this event!
 - A Color Run, School-A-Thon.org was also brought up. There is a lot of support for this idea but for the 23-24 school year. Possible a Fall or Back-to-school event.
 - The Spring fundraiser was discussed, ideas currently looking into:
 - Discount cards or plant sale
 - The following new ideas were brought up in the meeting: Niagara Chocolate Spring/Easter sale. Fundraiser is done on-line with direct ship and 50% proceeds.
- Tiffany Tangel: Secretary:
 - Picture Retake day is Wednesday, October 26th. Retakes need to be requested on the Josten website. Pictures are available to view and purchase on the Josten website. Our code is: FE86622
 - Yearbooks will go on after the holidays/in the Spring. More information to follow.
 - Advocacy Committee, the next meeting is October 26th.

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- Heather Caligiuri: President:
 - Provided more information on the upcoming Fall Fest/Scavenger Hunt. It will be held on October 27th 5:30-7:30.
 - There will be dancing in the gym, crafts and face-painting in the cafeteria, trick-or-treating in the hallway, Big Apple Crunch
 - Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Please email ptablasdell@aol.com
 - There will be a Sensory Room provided in the faculty lounge, located in the school's cafeteria. This will be a calmer environment for students who need it but can still enjoy the event.

Upcoming Events: Please feel free to volunteer:

- Picture Retake Day October 26th
- Fall Fest/Scavenger Hunt: October 27th
- Red Ribbon Week: October 24th – 31st
- Book Fair – in school November 14th – 15th and Family Night November 16th
- School Banking will return.
- Next PTA meeting is Wednesday, November 9th at 6:00pm.

Motion to Adjourn:

1. Tiffany Tanel
2. Rachel Barrett