

Blasdell Elementary School 22-23 Feb Meeting

Date: February 15, 2023

Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Call Meeting to Order:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence

Approval of the Meeting Minutes from January 20th, 2022.

1. Heather Smith
2. Olivia Schwarzott

Principals Report – Shannon Thurston

Mrs. Thurston announced Service Club's 1st annual sock hop, they will be donated to Hamburg Community Center clothes closet Town of Hamburg. Hilbert College starting a mentorship program for grades 3-5. They will focus on building connections, playing games, etc. Open House will be March 9th from 5:30-7pm, tables will be set up from Western NY United, After School Program, PTA, Student Support Team, and Parent Network of WNY. March 10th will be a ½ day for the end of the marking period.

Teachers Report – Mrs. Frost

Teachers have been busy getting ready for PARP. Guests will be invited during library time to come and read. A photo will be taking with the reading partners. The theme will be "BEE Strong & BEE Safe" The PTA purchased a book for every student. There will be a calendar distributed for what is happening each day of the month.

Board Member Reports

- Erin Parks: Social Media update: Reminder to keep the Facebook group respectful and kind, she is grateful for how it has been going. She appreciated the Lost & Found posts. And a reminder that the Facebook page is only for current staff members and guardians of current Blasdell students.
- Nicole Sweeney: Treasurer: Finance Update:
 - Balance as of January 20th: \$17,660.20
 - Current Balance: \$18,166.54
 - Profits:
 - (Yearly) Membership: \$271.00
 - Amazon Smiles: \$41.86
 - Chuckee Cheese: \$972.45
 - Expenses:
 - Me & My Guy: \$480.17
 - Basket for Mrs. O'Hara: \$109.81

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The board was asked to amend our budget for this year to provide 5th grade with more funding. The board voted and decided not to amend our budget.

- Jennifer Silver: Council Delegate: H.S. new detection weapon system, Frontier looking into advanced/gifted program for the Elementary level, will start in the near future. Locking system: Bluetooth locking system for classroom doors at the Elementary level. Frontier is the 4th largest in growth in WNY. The Senior Center building contracts are expiring and in discussions. Next meeting is March 1st.
- Tiffany Tangel: Secretary:
 - Yearbooks will go on sale at the end of March, they will be on sale until 4/21. They will be \$11.00 and all sales are on-line.
 - The Advocacy Committee met and leadership from Lakeshore District joined to learn more about what the committee does and how it works. The upcoming district wide poetry contest was also discussed.
- Courtney Malicki: Membership Chair:
 - Our Membership Goal for the year is: 172
 - Our Current Membership is: 175
 - We officially met our goal!
 - Apparel orders will be in 4-6 week turnaround time.
- Lizzii Young: Fundraising Chair:
 - Chicken BBQ: with Weidners We will have a ½ chicken, mac and cheese, salad and roll for \$15. Dinners will be \$15.00. March 24th, 2023 pick up from 4:30-6:30 for pre-sale walk ups until 7:30.
 - Sneaker Drive: will run at the end of April – the end of the school year. The donated sneakers will be turned into turf or upcycled and donated to children in need if in good enough shape.
 - Chick-fil-A: We will have a Spirit Night on a Tuesday March 14th from 5-8pm. We will receive 15% of the total sales. Dine-in and Drive-Thru orders count, anything ordered on the mobile app will not. The cow will come for an hour of open house.
 - Fran and Ceil – Ice cream Spirit night at the end of the school year.
 - Candy: Candy bars for the Spring. \$75/box, \$3/2 candy bars. A kindle Fire will be raffled off. Will run at the end of April.
- Heather Caligiuri: President:
 - Spring Bookfair is March 6th-9th. We will have another coin drive, but with an incentive of a Pizza Party for the class that collects the most coins. We will have a penny day, nickel day, dime day, quarter day. All the money goes back to purchase books for the library. People can also donate on the E-wallet. Door decorating contest has been extended to Friday, the winner receives \$25 for scholastics.

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- Me and My Gal will be held at the Palace Theater on May 13th at 11am-1pm. We will work on getting a backdrop/red carpet for photo opportunity and supply some snacks. The movie still has to be voted on.
- Field Day is June 9th. Nickel City Reptile will be here. \$650/hr, \$100 Deposit paid. All of the kids will be in the gym for one show.

Questions: Asked and Answered

- Lindsey Jakabowski: asked as a concerned parent who exactly can join and become a PTA member_ the board answered that anyone from the community can join. Further discussions were had and Sandi Eisenman, Associate Director of Western Region PTA answered more follow up questions on what becoming a PTA member allows someone to do, gives them voting rights and may attend membership meetings.
- Nicole Sweeney: asked about extending the Door decorating contest for the teachers and coming in over Winter break to take the pictures_Mrs. Thurston said that would be okay.
- Kathleen Lock: asked about the new locking system and if the principal can lock them all from her office_Mrs. Thurston said yes, from her phone and the teachers can do their rooms from their phone.
- Nicole Sweeney: asked about making cards for Mrs. O'Hara_Mrs. Thurston said that would be great, they discussed doing it by grade level so that she didn't receive 500 cards at once.
- Rachael Barrett: asked about the DARE program_Mrs. Thurston told her the district is looking into it and she could follow up with David Smaczniak, Assistant Director of Operational Services for more details.
- Nicole Sweeney: asked when the Title 1 talk from Mrs. Thurston would happen_Mrs. Thurston said it would happen at next months PTA meeting.
- Mrs. Senese: Thanked the board for how much time and effort they put in.

Upcoming Events: Please feel free to volunteer:

- Book Fair – March 6th – 8th: Family Night Monday March 6th
- Open House – March 9th 5:30-7:00
- Chick-Fil-A night – March 14th 6:00-8:00
- Me & My Gal Dance: May 13th 11:00-1:00
- Next Meeting March 16th, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Motion to Adjourn:

1. Olivia Schwarzott
2. Jonathon Ludwig