

Lebanon Borough School
PTA Meeting
10/7/24

Attendance: Bruce Arcurio, Heather Berg, Lauren Baldoni, Ruth Karavidas, Danielle Valliere, Chryssi Dower, Kristen Abeles, Brandon Borzelli

Paperwork: Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Heather Berg.

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Dr. Arcurio's Report

- Firefighters came to the school with the truck and gave a presentation on Fire Safety to our students in grades preschool through third.
- School Pictures are on Wednesday, October 9th. I will send an email to families to remind them and to let them know that we are moving the Red White and Blue spirit day to October 15th.
- Tomorrow is students should dress like their favorite state or country
- We will have our first Wingman Activity Day on Thursday morning.
- School Closed for Inservice on Monday, Oct. 14th
- We will have our Halloween Parade on the morning of October 31st.

Treasurers Report

- We have a current balance of \$4001.24. This includes \$1180 in donations, minus \$100 in PTA board dues. We collected \$20 for intramurals and \$225 for hot lunch.
- The PTA membership drive is going well.

Old Business

Clothing Drive

- The clothing drive starts today, 10/7. There are already bags in front of the school.

- President Heather needs someone to post about this on the town Facebook pages. Ruth will post on Meetinghouse and League of Lebanon, and Brandon will answer questions.
- We need volunteers to help on Friday between 12 and 1pm to load the donation truck. Jeff, the custodian will be able to help. Kristen Abeles and Ruth Karavidas volunteer.

Pizza Lunch

- President Heather suggested having the sign-up closer to the actual dates of the pizza lunch, since they aren't held monthly anymore.
- Dr. Arcurio explained that we can't hold PTA pizza lunches monthly because we offer free and reduced lunches everyday Clinton Public is open for lunch. We can't have our PTA pizza lunch compete with free and reduced lunches, so we can only offer pizza lunch when CPS is closed for lunch.

New Business

Town Harvest Fest – October 26

- We will be hosting a table or two for this Town Recreation Committee event. Chryssi Dower will be running this table, with Kristen Abeles helping.
 - Chryssi's ideas include a potion activity, garbage bag spider webs, apple stamps and shaving foam formed into ghosts. They should all be low-cost and kid-friendly.
 - Chryssi will be in touch with Lisa Porcello and Jen from the recreation committee to coordinate.
 - We will need to request folding tables from the school.
 - We will aim to host these outside, weather permitting. If it rains and we need to move into the gym, Dr. Arcurio requests putting down a tarp to avoid damaging the gym floor.

Spirit Wear Sale - Nov 1-15

- Kristen Abeles will work with Joe Cannavo at Destination Athlete to organize the sale.
- Kristen Abeles will create an interest document to figure out what people want to see.

Scholastic Book Fair – November 12-14

- The Parks Department will come and do an owl presentation. The kids can dissect an owl pellet with parent's permission.
- We will need volunteers for this.

- Lauren Baldoni suggests having a sign-up with the Parks presentations to get an idea of attendance. We may need to cap registration.
- This may be too large an event for the library. If so, we could for shifts or pair students up working on a single pellet.
- The Springtime book fair will host a “Birds and nests” Parks event.

Kids Night Out- December 13

- We will talk about this at next month’s meeting.

TREPs – December 12

- Kristen Abeles had an idea to host an “ATM table” at TREPs, providing cash money in exchange for Venmo payments. She noted that many parents and teachers do not bring enough cash to this event, and it may be a helpful service. We can bring a donation bucket to this event to encourage some contributions to the PTA.
- President Heather will ask Mayor Pittinger to attend TREPS. Lauren Baldoni will reach out to Kathleen Seelig to ask if we can borrow her ribbon-cutting scissors.

Miscellaneous and New Ideas

- We have Scholastic dollars to spend. President Heather will send the amount to Lauren Baldoni, who will ask the teachers what they would like to request.
- President Heather suggests hosting a miniseries once per month, run by the Parks Department. Their activities are often reasonably priced (many are \$50 or less).
 - Dr. Arcurio suggested charging a minimal fee. Heather Berg suggested that we may not be able to profit from a Parks program, so instead we could offer a donation bucket.
 - We could aim to host the first of these in the Winter, when there aren’t as many competing activities.
- Class representatives: Danielle Valliere agreed to be the pre-K class representative. We are still looking for one for kindergarten.
- Kristen Abeles will make a spreadsheet of 25 names of people who regularly volunteer for PTA events to send to the PTA board. Heather Berg will submit it and find out if more information is required to keep our membership up-to-date.

Heather Berg adjourned at 7:19pm.