



LINK, Inc. Parent Teacher Organization
Meeting Agenda
Thursday April 6, 2023, 7:00pm
Library at Berlin Memorial School

- Introductions- Beth Bond, Kyle Burns, Mack Louh, Shelley Sartini, Amy Laliberte,, Elizabeth Ford, Jackie G. Julie Flanigan (1st grade teacher), John Campbell (BMS Principal)
- Principal Update from John Campbell- MCAS next week- ELA (Monday & Tuesday); busses still an issue
- Cultural Events Update- Cat Mountain- was hard to understand with the mask; some kids crying, a little scary.
- Enrichment program update- busy, tons of programs that are filled until June. Vouchers for students that may need a scholarship to do a program.
- Treasurer Update - Staying on track founding wise for Enrichments, breaking even with scholarships included. Current balance is \$25, 561.45
- Teacher Communication and outreach effort
 - April Staff Meeting report- try to get back once a term
 - April Teacher Appreciation Event (K & 1st supported)
 - April Spring Flowers “How Does BMS Help Me Grow” effort- Put up flowers on 4/10 at 3:00
- Event Planning Committees
 - Fun Run- T-shirts for staff, students wear SOAR shirts with stickers
 - Advocacy Letter Writing Campaigns- one more email push to collect letters- get done by the end of April break, students can bring in that Monday.
 - April 26th 7:00-8:00 at Tahanto- Forum- right now Berlin is getting a level budget, will need amendment for this. Boylston is now coming in at a deficit.
 - May 1st is the town vote.
- Points of Discussion
 - District Budget Approval & Town Vote
 - Educating our voting populous (and ourselves)
 - Childcare efforts for the town meeting- movie in cafeteria
 - Get-Out-And-Vote campaign next steps
 - School wide enrichment opportunities
 - Acton Discovery Museum - in process; they come in after teachers pick the activity they want. Based on school standards, very hands on. 45 minutes to an hour.



- Hands on Nature- does by separate classes, April and most of May
- Playful Engineers – School Wide Enrichment - Traveling maker space workshop and creates challenges for kids. Fall? Going to do a Zoom meeting before the next meeting so we can discuss at the next meeting
- The Whale Mobile (Spring 2024)
- 2023-24 Executive Team Nominations (per new bylaw process!)
 - Amy- Enrichment Coordinator
 - Shelly- treasure
 - Beth- Secretary
 - Kyle- present
 - Jackie- Volunteer coordinator
 - Mack and Laura will do committees
 - Emily-Secretary
 - Need Cultural Coordinator and Vice President
 - Taking nominations now through April 24
 - Will post all those running in May newsletter
 - Elections at June Meeting
- Requests for Funds
- New Business? - Scholastic wants us to pay early, but we can't until we get class sizes, so wait until fall.
- DJ didn't charge again, isn't into a gift card, so maybe promote his business, newsletter, post on Facebook. After the Thank you talk about September.
- 5th grader gifts- \$5 Roda Springs
- Peaceful Playgrounds kit is \$1,000, with Cover to sandbox that Greg Tatnall is doing for free (just charging for material)- School Committee just needs to accept it at the meeting.
- Balloon arch for 5th grade to walk out. Julie Felo has the balloon pump.
- Should we move the basketball hoops to play an actual game?
- Beautification committee for front of school.
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon- do in the library on a Thursday, ask Matt Rossadini to cater (Shelly is going to lead the committee)
- Field Day is June 8
- Next meeting Thursday, May 4th at 7:00pm in the Berlin Memorial School Library