



LINK, Inc. Parent Teacher Organization
Meeting Notes
Thursday May 4, 2023, 7:00pm
Library at Berlin Memorial School

- **Introductions-** Kyle Burns, Beth Bond, Shelley Sartini, Amy Laliberte, Elizabeth Ford, Laura Williamson, Stephanie Woodward (Literacy coach), Elizabeth Bennet (Kindergarten teacher), John Campbell (BMS Principal), Nate Tretiak.
- Town Meeting/Vote Thank you and debrief
 - Letter Writing Campaign - lots of letters sent in.
 - Legislative Follow-Up
 - Petition to change/move town meeting (discuss at June meeting); Continue with childcare provided at the June Meeting. Do we need more than High Schoolers babysitting?
- **Principal Update from John Campbell-** Nature's classroom coming up. John is going for the 4 days and 3 nights. Mary Fortier is retiring, Deb Uliaz is retiring, Sarah Whitehouse going to special education K-2, Borstel moving to special education 3-5; need to hire a first and third grade teacher.
- **Request-** 5th grade asking for the difference for Nature's classroom from an account error \$535, float remainder to BES.
- **Enrichment program update-** Vouchers- discuss if we need to set a cap on the amount per student. Look at data at the end of the year.
- Treasurer Update - Shelley will start including the final on the top of the report. \$34 from Amazon smile- program done.
- Event Planning Committees
 - **Fun Run-** replenish the \$535 for Nature's Classroom; registration opened 5/3. Camping in the National Parks theme. Warm up video for teachers to show whenever they want. 5/17 is the kickoff for Fun Run, there is a 20 minute kick off video, character building lessons in the video. Little videos each day afterwards with a new piece of the story. Each day they learn a character trait. Waiting on the promotional material. Friday 5/26 is the Fun Run. We need people to help run it. Memorial Day program that morning. Laura will work with Jackie to get the sign up going for parent volunteers, 2 classes run at a time. Need help to deliver prizes. Around 1:00 pull out prizes to hang in a bag on the teachers' door. Print out everyday for volunteers to come and help with prizes (3). Start collecting camping gear for decorations.
 - Soar shirts- maybe do it twice next year.
 - **Teacher/Staff Luncheon-** Food Truck- Matt Rosadini (\$15 a person, teachers can order ahead of time. Volunteers sign up for desserts, chips, napkins, plates, ect. Have volunteers sign up for food as well.
 - End-of-Year Events



- Field Day- waiting on Draper, then we give her volunteers
- Kindergarten Puppet Show- June 7th @ 1:30; 5th/6th- back to screening for Kindergarten. May 30th at 6:30 Kindergarten information night.
- Fifth-Grade Gift- Amy is getting the ice cream gift certificates, Shelley has a little card to put on them. Class photo (of 5th graders on Field day with SOAR shirt).
- Summer Send-Off- decorations, a small financial request.
- Points of Discussion
 - **Summer Reading Challenge-** Mrs. Woodward requested for parent donations for prizes. Have a literacy spirit week, the afternoon of field day will be an all school meeting with the prizes to get students excited for the Summer Reading Program. Read aloud over the summer and have students pass in tickets and get more prizes if needed. Field Day is June 8th (Thursday). Summer Reading Web page on Link website.
 - Kyle brought up the idea of connecting a summer meet up for dinner connected to the Garden.
 - School wide enrichment opportunities
 - Acton Discovery Museum - done for the year. The lady who ran it sent a Thank you hard
 - Hands on Nature - in process
 - Playful Engineers – School Wide Enrichment -
 - Lego Guy- look into
 - The Whale Mobile (Spring 2024)- Laura is going to put it on the calendar around Earth day
- **2023-24 Executive Team Nominations (per new bylaw process!)**
 - Publicized those of us running to fill the seats for next year in the newsletter
 - Will continue to take nominations for the 2 vacant positions (Vice President, and Grant coordinator).
 - Elections at next meeting, in June
- Requests for Funds
 - Kuppens – Soap- approved
 - Woodward – SOAR reader fingerprinting- Re-establishing - Seniors reading program; need to get them fingerprinted. Requesting the money if a senior wants to be reimbursed the \$35.



- Bennett/Woodward – Kindergarten books - Welcome to Kindergarten Book; Kyle created a sticker to put books. Use scholastic dollars to buy various Kindergarten themed books and students can pick the one they want.
- New family books/welcome packet (mostly on webpage)- a Welcome Book for all new students- just under \$12 on Amazon- about 12 new families per year (approved \$150)
- Next meeting Thursday, June 1st at 7:00pm in the Berlin Memorial School Library – Elections!
- Social for people to get to know LINK
- SEPAC sponsoring SHINE- program at Tahanto - post on website

Parking Lot:

- Parenting series - learning and social
- Science Fair
- Find a buddy to bring to LINK