



LINK, Inc, Parent-Teacher Organization
October 11, 2023, 7pm
BMS Library and via Zoom

- Welcome & Introductions: Kyle Burns, Beth Bond, Shelley Sartini, Amanda Baberkova, Elizabeth Bennet, Amy Donahoe, Jan Schejbal, John Campbell John, Campbell, Jackie Gilchrist, Carol Costello, Saima Rana, Amy Labiberti, Beatrice Toro, Amber, Mack Louh (via zoom), Melissa Brodeur (via Zoom).
- Superintendent Update from Carol Costello:
 - Early stages of budget for different programs to enhance the schools.
 - MCAS- John did a great presentation.
 - Trying to coordinate with Tahanto students to volunteer at BMS.
 - Lillian- Senior at Tahanto that will be liaison to principals and PTOs.
 - Portrait of a Graduate- group forming.
 - John & Cindy working on a climate survey
 - Snow days are coming- Carol will keep us updated with emails- she is trying her best to make a decision- talking to superintendents and is up early talking to them
- Principal Update from John Campbell:
 - Aimsweb is done, parents should reach out to teachers if there are any questions.
 - John did MCAS and accountability reporting at school committee meeting
 - Continue to have a fire watch at BMS- pump that needs to be replaced is on backorder.
 - Fire Station donated an AED to be installed in the building and 2 more out on the field.
 - Continue to struggle to find staff.
- Treasurer Update:
 - Mrs. Watkins requested a document camera- hold off to see if there is one from previous teacher
 - Cheddar Up working great for finances
 - end of October date for start up found request
 - Will send a reminder for Scholastic or Time magazine subscription
 - Mrs. Bennett- Acrylic paint for pumpkin painting request- Contact Mrs. Kuppins
 - John Campbell requests PlanBook.com- approved
- Cultural Events Update:
 - We can expect about \$1,000 for the Cultural Grant
 - Vote on Speaker- Stories from the Neighbors (Norah Dooley) \$600 plus travel (from MA) -voted in. Look for dates in the spring. Buy her books?
 - Shadow puppet one as well we can look into for the Fall
- Enrichment Program Update:
 - October very full
 - Flag Football- chaotic, not probably going to happen again.
 - STEM Beginnings starting next month
 - Julie Lee doing another Agility clinic
 - Looking into Lacrosse
 - Tahanto girls doing a Cheerleading camp



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- We can use Art room, maybe a classroom, have the Music room on Tuesdays
- Fire department needs to know about after school programs and numbers
- October had 100 Enrichment spots available
- Volunteer Coordinator Update
 - People showing up and helping out
 - Cheddar up is working great
 - Volunteer Thank You notes going well
 - October Teacher Appreciation Event:
5th/4th grade run for October- volunteer list will go out Friday
- Events
 - Family Tech Talk - parent seminar ONLINE (Oct 17)- free, will send out reminder
 - Schartner Farm Corn Maze (Oct 20)- cash or credit, small concession stand, needs volunteers
 - Teacher Appreciation (Oct 24)
 - Bookfair (Nov 6-10) - in the works- need to figure out volunteer needs; ask the new media teacher about books that are wanted; teacher lists and library lists; birthday books? Students can pick a book on their birthday
 - Free Library outside the school - need school committee approval
 - Turkey Trot Support (Nov 22nd)- LINK will continue to provide water, popcorn, and volunteers

Points of Discussion

- Parent Survey Results:
 - 25 people completed
 - People are interested in supporting us
 - We need to look at the list and find the people that want to help with specific events
 - Lots of people want to help with Holiday decor, landscape and gardening
- National Inclusion Week - partnership with SEPAC, STAG, BES
 - Meeting Oct 16. Virtual Meeting at 6:30pm. Who can make it?
- Tahanto Fall Fest - Effort to be a Community Event (Oct 26)
 - LINK participation (arts table maybe)?- look for more information
 - LINK co-promotion to our community
- All School Enrichment Opportunities - Scheduling
 - Discovery Museum- Spring
 - Hands on Nature- Spring
 - Whale Mobile (Apr 22)
 - Legos - currently exploring the Lego Guy (Amy is looking into it).
- Committee's Update - Chairs Meeting next week to set up how we work and then outreach to interested participants will begin.
- Box Tops (Shelley)- promote it- just keep it in newsletter - Flyer in November



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- Fun Run 2024-25 - dates and contract - Keep it in May 23rd, 2025
- World Kindness Day for November 13th- Write messages- Kindness wall
- December Meeting Tuesday (5th) is a No School Day. Keep the meeting date or move it?
- Next Meeting: Thursday, November 2nd. 7pm