



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

- Welcome & Introductions: Kyle Burns, Beth Bond, Shelley Sartini, Amanda Baberkova Elizabeth Ford, Julie Flanigan (1st grade teacher), Nayara Caplan (1st grade teacher) Jan, John Campbell (principal), Jackie Gilchrist (via Zoom)
- Principal Update from John Campbell: It has been a hot week. School pictures went well despite the heat. Open House is next Thursday from 6-7:30 with 2 sessions. Next Tuesday's school committee meeting is just an hour long due to Berlin Take Over night at the WooSox game. Some issues with the health curriculum guidelines. For now we are using the guidelines from 1999.
- Treasurer Update- Reviewed and will add online for those on Zoom.
 - Nature's Classroom Amount for 2023-24: \$1,170.00 (33 students enrolled)- LINK will pay \$30 per student to go into the fund.
 - Need to outreach to teachers for Scholastic and Time- will renew for those that would like it.
 - Blue blocks arrive tomorrow.
 - Seasonal Decor Budget- to decorate the doors. \$100-\$150 per season (3).
 - Teachers will let us know what recess supplies they need and LINK will pay.
 - Request for funds form has been updated.
- Cultural Events Update: Info session about grant from the cultural center. Visiting artists - Amanda will send info on 4 for us to choose from.
- Enrichment Program Update- Perler Beads, Garden Club, and Fall Crafts for September
- Volunteer Coordinator Update
 - Welcome Dance (Sep 22)- using Cheddar Up for volunteer sign ups
 - Teacher Appreciation (4th&5th): 10/24
 - Schartner Farm (10/20)- we will need volunteers- send out request (10/1)
- Events
 - Specials & Specialists School Supply Drive (Sep 7-14) They have put together a wish list via an Amazon QR code
 - BMS Open House (Sep 14)- work out a schedule for LINK members
 - Welcome Dance (Sep 22)- our usual DJ is booked, looking for a High Schooler looking to DJ or a Spotify List
 - Family Tech Talk - parent seminar ONLINE (Oct 17)
 - Schartner Farm Corn Maze (Oct 20)- Laura Williamson and Mack Louh working with Shelley on it. They will be meeting next week and report back.
 - Bookfair (Nov 6-10)
 - Turkey Trot Support (Nov 22nd)- LINK will provide pre bagged popcorn and drinks
- Points of Discussion
 - Parent Survey Results - about 17 responses so far - look at data in October



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- Volunteer Data Collection for Monthly Thank you (reminder) - we want to make sure to thank all our volunteers
- All School Enrichment Opportunities - Scheduling
 - Discovery Museum
 - Hands on Nature
 - Whale Mobile (Apr 22)
 - Legos - currently exploring the Lego Guy (Amy is looking into it).
- Dream Session Follow-Up: Big ideas to pursue?
 - Marquee - get John's sign, zoning board of appeals was the issue. Light pollution was the issue. Need to get a new quote. Town originally voted for the capital money for it.
 - Science Fair - all grades - one topic theme but different idea for each grade
 - Arts Booster - BMS musical/Play through Enrichment; also getting BMS students more involved in other productions- bus them there or have Tahanto students come here. Hillary Kuhn (via Zoom) mentioned more parents are willing to help with a project. Set up a Google document to coordinate with staff.
 - Kyle will outreach for subcommittees
- Request for Finances - none at the moment
- Next month- discuss Box Tops
- Carol will be here next meeting
- Next Meeting: Thursday, October 5th. 7pm