



LINK, Inc, Parent-Teacher Organization
TUESDAY, December 5, 2023, 7pm
BMS Library and via Zoom

- Welcome & Introductions: Kyle Burns, Beth Bond, Shelley Sartini, Amy Laliberti, Liz Ford, Beatriz Bailon, Jan Schejbal, John Campbell (Principal), Jackie Gilchrist (on Zoom)
- President's Update
 - Cool Kid Vouchers (teachers) - always an open spot. Coordinate with Amy or Kyle if registration is challenging for the recipient. They are not always families that register regularly. Amy makes sure that there are always a few open spots.
 - Huge shout-out to the LINK leadership team for stepping up and leading all the efforts to make it all happen. Still an open spot for the Vice President.
 - BIG Thanks to all the volunteers. Keep coming!
- Principal Update: Portrait of a Graduate- what we want our kids to leave our school system with, strength, skills, etc. Former students talk about their experiences in the system. Tahanto seniors were there and recent graduates. It is going really well. Carol shares information in her newsletter. Graduates talked about how there are groups (AP, sports), but disconnected kids in the middle. Tahanto feels like being in a bubble. Academic rigor - students should be able to access higher level classes, like AP, so that they don't get stuck in a track.
- Sickness is going around- Strep, Pink Eye, Covid, etc..
- Treasurer Update - \$29,750 balance
- Impressive sales from Book Fair - \$2,353 we spent in scholastic dollars for various teachers and activities/celebrations. We have \$5,581 left in scholastic dollars. Next time split profit in half, and use some as cash rather than scholastic dollars to set aside and use money to go on teachers scholastic websites to buy books and Amazon, etc. Find out what needs to be bought with scholastic dollars versus regular cash.
- Having books picked out beforehand that teachers want to make it easier for parents to grab and get.
- Cultural Events Update: Working on schedule for the cultural event in March. No fall one this year. It didn't work out. We want to make sure we pre-plan for next year to make it happen.
- Enrichment Program Update: Things are going great!
- We would love more volunteers, more space and more spots. Spots sell out in an hour after going live at 3:00 on Friday. For January, the newsletter will go out electronically on Tuesday, paper home Friday and then Friday at 7:00 registration goes live. January Newsletter comes out Fri, Jan 5. We need reminders, scholarships, if you are doing a lot of Enrichments then let others sign up, if we add volunteers then we can add spaces.
 - Crazy 8s Club (math): free program, 8 week curriculum, downloadable, it's supposed to make math fun. K-2 group and a 3-5 group. Kyle is signed up to have a call with them on Monday. Should be about \$100 for 8 weeks, with 12 kids per class it is not expensive per child. It is one hour of prep and one hour of class. We could have multiple people help. Possibly we could have someone do two weeks at a time. Maybe the end of Feb? In that non-sports window.



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- Committees Update - Chairs
 - Science Fair (Beth)- Planning a committee meeting after winter break, fund Elementary Science Fair Planning Guide (we can develop a similar one for teachers and parents).
 - Arts Booster (Hillary)- meeting next week.
 - Marquee Sign (Kyle)- rewriting bi-laws for town. All of this will end up at the town meeting in May.
- Events
 - December 20th
 - Gingerbread Houses for Buddies (prep on the 19th)
 - Holiday Carnival - dress appropriately for the festivities.
 - National Inclusive Schools Week (March 11 - 15, 2024)- coordinating effects across the district.
 - Read-a-Thon for March. - Will talk more at the next meeting. We will use the prize systems that will come with it.
 - Formal Dance in the Spring- send survey out
 - Winter Family Event (like the painting we did last year)- try to do that again.
 - Volunteer coordinator is doing our thank yous - but we need to make sure that we're capturing all volunteers on the shared list. Anyone who works an event with volunteers, please make sure you get that list updated!
 - Bulletin Board - needs a winter change up- send out survey.
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- Next Meeting: Thursday, January 4. 7pm