



LINK, Inc, Parent-Teacher Organization  
November 2, 2023, 7pm  
BMS Library and via Zoom

- Welcome & Introductions  
Attendees: Beth Bond, Kyle Burns, Ina Mullen, Shelley Sartini, Amanda Baberkova, Jackie Gilchrist, John Campbell, Elizabeth Bennet, Amy Donahoe, Hillary Kuhn, Jan Schejbal, Liz Ford, Jackie Thorton, On Zoom- Beatriz Bailon, and Audrey Thompson.
- President's Update
  - Schartner Farm- Great Turn out!
  - October Appreciation Event - Parents of 4th/5th did a great job. Candy apple bar was a hit.
- Principal Update - John Campbell: Parent/Teacher conference on 11/9. BMS is fully staffed! The Halloween parade was fabulous. Winter Reading challenge-LINK helping with prizes? Portrait of a Graduate group is meeting next week. Would LINK help fund dinner for Portrait of a Graduate group.(about \$200)- motioned passed.
- Treasurer Update - Shelley Sartini- approximate \$1200 made
- Cultural Events Update -Amanda Baberkova: submitted grant to Berlin cultural council, Cultural event for March or April in the morning.
- Enrichment Program Update - Amy Laliberte: (update via Kyle):150 slots for October and only 5 not filled. We have 170 for November and almost all are sold out. STEM beginning 3-5 has openings, 3 spots left in Flag Football.
  - Holiday carnival needs volunteers (Wed, Dec 20- coordinate holiday attire day with spirit week)
  - K & 1 enrichment- Audrey Thompson said she would be a K-2 Karaoke; Yoga?
  - Holiday card/gift making- kids can make cards to take home to family
  - Committees Update - Chairs
  - Science Fair (Beth)- Google Drive Folder, Email out to all teachers, how much do they want to be involved. Scientific model- how are we going to experiment and come up with hypotheses? Teams? After school enrichment to help. Be careful of kids that don't have home support. What are the safeguards around participation? Unifying theme- What if? Do a Science Fair Enrichment this year to get them into the idea. Maybe different models for each grade. Some hanging, some in the gym, some other places.
  - Arts Booster (Hillary)- Hillary reached out to the music department staff to see what they want/need. Veterans Day event 11/9 at 9:30- need help with putting away bleachers, music stands, sound equipment, and to hand out programs. Veterans that have children at BMS will be speaking. The Winter concert on 12/21 at 2:00 needs volunteers as well, Memorial Day Program 5/20 at 9:30 AM and Spring concert (5/24 at 7:00 PM).Sign up for volunteering. Fundraising for the music department?
  - Need new music stands, racks, chairs, racks for chairs (about \$6500).
  - Field Trip to Boston Symphony Orchestra- looking into it.
  - Note-a-Thon- money for reach note ?



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- Worcester Railers on January 6th, \$15 per ticket: choral students sing a patriotic song on ice prior to game
- Total of 100 students (4th/5th) between Berlin and Boylston (50/50).
- Marquee Sign (Kyle)- Committee meeting on the 11/14 at 6:00. What is the process for putting up a sign.
- Events
  - Bookfair (Nov 6 - 10)
  - 2:00-3:00 Scholastic Book fair set up. Staff meeting at 3:00- Teachers will pull books during the staff meeting for their lists. Trailer for new and upcoming books during the school day. E Wallet, wish lists Thursday the book fair is open during Parent/Teacher conferences. This isn't a LINK fundraising event, it's to get books for the library and for special occasion books.
    - Still need volunteer
    - Adding a "hydration station" for teachers during PT conferences on Thursday- tumblers with energizing drinks
  - World Kindness Day (Nov 13)
  - Turkey Trot (Nov 22nd)
  - National Inclusive Schools Week (March 11 - 15, 2024)- coordinating effects across the district.
  - Gingerbread Houses - Have Michelle start getting cartons - need dates
  - Read-a-Thon for March.
- Points of Discussion
  - Volunteer coordinator is taking over the Thank You's & "Of the Month"
- Next Meeting: (CHANGE) **Tuesday**, December 5. 7pm