



LINK, Inc, Parent-Teacher Organization  
Thursday, March 11th, 7pm (SNOW DAY MAKE UP)  
BMS Library and via Zoom

- Welcome & Introductions: Carol Costello (Superintendent), Kyle Burns, Beth Bond, Shelley Sartini, Amy Laliberti, Amanda T, Hillary Kahn, John Campbell (Principal), Liz Ford, Saima Rana, Elizabeth Bennet (Kindergarten teacher), Megan Grill (chair of school committee), Amy Donahoe (2nd grade teacher), Melissa Brodner (on Zoom), Sheana Brian (sp?)
- President's Update
  - Special Guests: Carol Costello, Superintendent and Meagan Grill, School Committee Chair- may need to let teachers go if town doesn't approve funding. Town needs to approve H-Vac (about \$400,00).
  - We need to get a message out (cheat sheet) to inform BMS families about what they will have with the town's requested budget versus the school committee requested budget and what we need BMS families to do - vote no to the budget and make an amendment to the requested budget. Zoom for a forum?
  - Election season is coming! Declarations for roles next year. Change by Law amendment for Cultural Coordinator (talk to Shelley).
  - May 6: BMS Staff meeting - to thank teachers, ask them to hold onto their "Cool Kid Vouchers" for next year, and introduce the Celebration Book Cart for next year. Staff meeting LINK members that will attend: Beth, Amy, Kyle
  - National School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day (April 23rd) - passed
- Principal Update - he may not be able to keep the extra para, recess aids, tutors, etc...
- Treasurer Update
  - Requests for Funds
    - 2 large storage totes for LINK to use under the BMS stage: \$45 each from Lowes. - passed
    - Soap for Mrs. Kuppens end-of-year project - \$119.64 - passed LINK is going to buy it.
    - Mrs. Woodward for Summer reading prizes \$300 - passed
- Cultural Events Update - Spring Program went well, and occurred with national inclusion week. Amanda will keep working on cultural events for next year. Author visit for the fall?- connect with Reading since we just had the Read-A-Thon. Andrew Hacket?: <https://www.andrewhacket.com/>
- Enrichment Program Update - going well, April is full, May is coming, won't run anything in June.
  - Volunteer Thank You Event - End of the year volunteer thank you event at the School YAHD using the leftover money from the Enrichment funds. About 120 people helped with enrichment activities throughout the year are invited. Friday night, May 17th, 5:00-8:00? Pizza, salad, and soft drinks. \$3,300 for everyone (all family members). We will ask everyone to RSVP.
- Committees Update - Chairs



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- Science Fair (Beth)- no new updates, working on enrichment for next year with the Science committee.
- Arts Booster (Hillary)- Students performance May 10th at 9:30. Promotional poster and it will be in the newsletter. Email chain with all students that are involved. Shouldn't be a problem to invite the entire community. Venmo will be put on posters as a donation. The 4th and 5th grade chorus/band concert will be happening in June and the Arts booster is looking for parent volunteers to help out. Concessions for it? - will be discussed at the next Arts committee meeting. They are working with BES Arts committee for this event.
- Marquee Sign (Kyle)- on the May ballot. Show up to the town meeting! Vote YES
- Events
  - April 8: Solar Eclipse - thank you Brie for the handout! We got refunded for glasses. Apparently fraudulent.
  - Apr 22: Whale Mobile for Earth Day
  - April 27: Town of Berlin Earth Day-Clean Up Week
    - How do we support sign-up for streets with families - send home a form? A waiver parents have to sign for town stuff.
  - Discovery Museum Scheduling- go Shelley! Making it happen. Kudos.next year we can set it up at the beginning of the school year and teachers can do it whenever they want throughout the year.
  - May 1: K-1 Teacher & Staff Appreciation - Spud-Bar
  - May 6th: Town Meeting at 7pm. Working with the Tahanto Honor Society to get child care setup in the cafeteria.
  - May 13, 14, 17: Hands On Nature for each class - scheduled.
  - May 16: Kindergarten Orientation (for parents) - LINK members attending to present: ?
  - May 30: Teacher & Staff End-of-Year Luncheon: gift baskets, desserts, drinks all sign-ups, (Rob Killion (sp?)- does catering).
  - June 3, 4, 5 is Kindergarten screening. Books are ready. Class of 2037!
  - June 6th: Field Day - we support it, get orders from Draper.
  - June 14th: Last day of school - signs & send-off do the \$5 gift cards and photo of 5th grade taken on field day with them in their SOAR shirts.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 2, 7pm**