

BFA General Meeting

May 8, 2018

9-11 ERC

Attendees: Lynda Flayter, Jennifer Khan, Megan Huber, Amy Weaver, Lucinda Troester, Jen Crane, Katie Wyzukovicz, Shanna Coyle

Candice Kehoe/Steve Feldman

School Updates

- -2 fire drills left
- -Kindergarten celebration is different this year: combining celebration and showcase into one, making at night so whole family can come
- -PBS 5/25
- -Field Day 5/30
- -end the day with special assembly funded by BFA as requested by gym teacher
- -1st grade mommy spa
- -5th grade recognition ceremony (9-10a)
 - -certificate given
 - -right after, students will go to the sports complex for picnic/events
- -3rd grade field trip
- -4th grade state fair
- -2nd grade picnic

- last day of school 6/4 early 1:15 release

- class placement being worked upon
 - -will be finished before end of year, but not shared until August w/families
 - -every teacher gets to look over rosters
 - -changes in staffing: was shared in the Butterflier
 - -hoping to send out blurb end of this week or beg of next year to parents

- Armando, Ray, Maria, Alicia stepping to fill void left when Ruben left on sick leave
- Two people retiring (gift cards)
 - -Dave Thomas
 - -Robin Restoven

Tanya Surdick- Learning Center

1) Author Visit Update

- -Sarah Weeks came in April
 - -in part due to extra funding from BFA

- -very positive feedback from her meeting
 - Cost was 1922.45 for her to come
 - -glad to work with other d70 schools on this; made it more affordable to do this
 - -total 182 books sold
 - -Mrs. Soling and Mrs. Thompson were the BFA helpers organizing this event
- 2) Book Fair
- -\$1,100 scholastic dollars earned
- 3) Birthday Books
- -177 Books Donated
 - -\$2,871 donated
 - -total cost of books purchased \$2,932
 - -total supply cost \$96.79 (labels, envelopes, stickers)
 - -Mrs. Soling, Mrs. Morella help with stickers and books
- 4) BFA gave SEDOL/free-reduced children vouchers to spend at the spring book fair
- -thank you with picture and the books they chose
 - -each student could get 2 books each
- 5) MakerSpace/Coding
- -with the book fair money (\$1000 fall book fair , \$2000 spring book fair= 3000 total made)
 - -“full STEAM ahead” theme: 3 makerspaces
 - -breakout boxes
 - -building/puzzle challenges
 - -manipulatives purchased, green screen added, (2,731 spent)

Carrie Groth-1st VP

- 1) Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- -everything went smoothly
 - -Jimmy John’s
- 2) 40 Book Challenge
- -promote it at back to school night in the 4th grade classes
 - -idea of a contest- ice cream party for the class with the most cumulative read books
 - -trying to figure out how to gain momentum since BFA took over from Tanya
 - -5-7 kids, 2 parents finished challenge
 - -Friday is final day for check-in
 - -Honor during student recognition 5/23 1:30pm
 - -levels of recognition (40 books, 30 books, 20 books)
 - -Barnes and Noble gift cards for those who complete the challenge

Jen Khan- 2nd VP

1) FAD 70 Update- last week was last one for this school year

-Dr. Schumaker went over parent survey results

- -looking into literacy and math coaches
 - -10 year life safety approval
 - -restoration work at Highland and Adler (minimal repairs)
 - -school resources officer being hired through police dept
 - -relationship with the police force
 - -primarily for Highland, but will travel to all d70 schools
 - -fully uniformed and will be armed
 - -Superintendent search started
 - -outside firm conducting research
 - -nationwide search
 - -more focus groups to come involving parent input and teachers
 - -candidate to be selected by Dec 2018, with interviews held in November
 - -changes to school state report card (Every Student Succeeds Act)
 - -look at continuous improvement across schools
 - -fully implemented by 2019
 - -more info to come as it can be released. Will be a color coded/graded system
 - -State Funding based on "grade" level
 - Grading system= funding
 - -based on testing, difficult with comparing Butterfield vs. other schools disadvantage if we -have underperforming students vs other schools (SEDOL does not impact) IEP/504 does impact
 - -funding goes to entire district, but the disbursement will be different for each school
- BFA Discussion re: funding and grading
- -frustrating to have system keep changing (PARCC, etc)
 - -difficult to "prep" for a test
 - -teach to the test not the best answer for a whole school environment
 - -PARCC questions are owned by state, contract with Pearson (who developed the test)
 - -test will be very similar to PARCC but perhaps with different name
- Considerations for family association expenditures (ideas for what family associations should focus on: playgrounds, signage, etc)
 - 2018-9 Character Counts theme: "District 70 Shines With Kindness"

Dr. Youngman, curriculum updates

- Homework effectiveness. Should have a purpose.
- Evolving homework theory. Expectations working through it now

- Has not released homework survey results
- 2) Trak a Thon
- 5/4 happy weather held out
 - -exciting to see the signs and support
 - -DJ was a big hit for the students
 - -ran almost as many laps as last year
 - -3 7-way ties for boys running laps
 - -True, Soellner, Gaudet classes won
 - -fundraising due on the 15th
 - -focus: health and wellness, school pride, last was on initiatives
 - -no concerns were raised this year. 100% participation from students that were there that day

Lynda Flayter- President

- 1) Ballot for next exec board (18-19)
- Jen Khan-President
 - Carrie Groth- 1st VP
 - Megan Huber- 2nd VP
 - Amy Weaver- Treasurer
 - Katie Wyzukovicz- Asst. Treasurer
 - Shanna Coyle- Secretary
- VOTED IN: All yesses for above electees
Approved: Amy Weaver, Seconded by Jennifer Khan
- 2) Vinyl Wall Quotes Update
- Mr. Feldman requested funding for quotes to be placed around Butterfield; it was approved
- 3) Bulldog Folders/Laminate Update
- whole box found, we only need one for next year
 - laminate was double ordered last year so no need to order this year
- 4) Gym Supplies Update
- \$500 for new supplies
- 5) Open Positions for 2018/9
- only left: 1 more person for clothing sale
 - send out message stressing importance of transition from year to year
- 6) Kindergarten Cubbies
- approved for next year

- 7) Thank You Brunch
-5/21 at Lynda Flayter's house 9-11

Amy Weaver/Jen Crane- Treasurer/Asst. Treasurer

- 1) Financial Update
- -big EOY expenses coming up (fifth grade activities, field day)
 - -both 5th grade girls event and boys event each \$20 under budget
 - -1900 allocated for 5th grade picnic at sports complex
 - -spirit wear
 - -\$764.40 for signs (only 7 leftover)
 - -assembly (field day)- \$1050
 - -card my yard for teacher appreciation
 - -DVD sales declined
 - -Food Days everything is on par
 - -gifts to school: projector, money to library (11,500 and 2000)
 - -trak a thon awaiting final totals
 - -yearbooks 4066.21 in/awaiting expense
 - -current Quicken ending balance \$59,332.42

Shanna Coyle- Secretary

- 1) Game Closet Update
- -Donna Hegwood will have closet cleaned out and fully organized prior to end of year
 - -Signup.com was successful in getting about ¼ to ½ of requested games from BFA families