

Lebanon Borough School

PTA Meeting

3/4/24

Attendance: Mike Pepe, Heather Berg, Kathleen Seelig, Kristen Abeles, Brandon Borzelli

Paperwork: Agenda, Dr. Arcurio's report

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Kathleen Seelig in the LBS Library.

Dr. Arcurio's report

- QSAC Visit from County
 - Our monitoring by the state took place last week and we did well. There are 5 areas that are reviewed: Governance, Fiscal, Personnel, Operation, and Instruction & Program. An 80% score is needed in each area to pass that area. Based on our work with the county representatives we will score in the 90s or 100% for four of the areas and 86.5% in Instruction and Program. The points in this area are based solely on NJSLA scores; however, the points are figured out with a strange calculation. In fact, we received some of the highest points in the county in this area.
- PD Day
 - On Thursday, February 29th we had an early dismissal for teacher inservice. Below are the topics
 - Our 5th and 6th grade teachers and Mrs. Baldoni attended a presentation at Clinton Public School on Artificial Intelligence in the classroom. Special area teachers work on Webinars related to this topic, as well.
 - Our K-4 teachers worked on aligning our My View Reading series with the Science of Reading and appropriate Phonics Instruction. Overall, we are in a good place because our district has always had a focus on phonics and phonemic awareness; however, we want to continue working to ensure that our students have all of the skills they need to be successful readers.
- Read Across America Week. The Student Council is having a RAC themed Spirit Week
 - Monday: Pajama Day
 - Tuesday: Reading is my Superpower - favorite hero outfit or shirt
 - Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday - Wear your wackiest socks or craziest hair
 - Thursday: Leap through the pages - Dress like your favorite book character
 - Friday: Team up for Reading - Wear your school colors to show school spirit

Upcoming Events

Pizza Lunch

- The PTA-sponsored pizza lunch will be Wednesday 3/6. Ruth Karavidas will send a check to Kate Sa to cover the costs. Kate will serve and run it. The PTA class liaisons will remind parents, and the students should be reminded as well.

Scholastic Book Fair – April 29-30

- Lynn Francisco volunteered to run the Book Fair. President Kathleen met with Lynn to give her the folders and materials prepared by Natalie, the former organizer.
- There will be two in-person days (April 29-30), and we will promote the online sales component.
- April 30 will host a reptile display from 3-5pm, presented by the Park Commission.
- Clinton Public aligns their book fair with the Read Across America week; this may be an option for us next year.
- Next year we may opt for once per year.

Basket Bingo – May 10

- Mike Pepe mentioned the possibility of a talent show. After speaking with Mrs. Barkel and Dr. Arcurio, it might be too late to host the talent show as a standalone event. Perhaps basket bingo could host live entertainers between events.
- Talent Show discussion:
 - A question from Brandon Borzelli: for those that come for performances only, do they have to pay admission? Heather Berg suggested billing it as basket bingo, with an entertainment feature.
 - Brandon comments that people become confused about pricing changes from year to year (adding and deleting food elements, pricing changes, etc.). He remains guarded against trying to make too many changes.
 - One possibility is structuring the event with an intermission that includes a talent show. First, we should assess how many participants will be in the talent show. If we have many, maybe we put some acts before bingo and some during intermission. This may appease the people who are only interested in the bingo portion.
- Admission cost discussion
 - At this point, we will have 8 games, with children playing the same games as adults.
 - At present the price will be \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. Children's costs will be \$10. Seniors and teachers' prices will be \$30. Discounts at the door will be at the discretion of the money collectors.
 - Brandon Borzelli and Heather Berg suggested people may be uncomfortable with the children's cost being so low while playing for the same prizes as adults.
 - Perhaps there could be two free children's games at the beginning. If children would like to continue past that point, they would pay the same rates as adults.
- Additionally, we could host a kids' night out in library, with small bingo component.

- Kathleen will send a signup genius for basket donations.
- Kathleen has volunteers, but she needs someone who is going to be participating next year to shadow her. Kristen Abeles volunteers for this.
- The baskets prizes should be appropriate for families. (Ice cream, Fudge Shoppe etc.)

Teacher (and School Nurse) Appreciation Week

- Heather Berg will make up Sign up Genius to coordinate donations (by around Spring Break)
- Kristen Abeles volunteers to set up a yogurt bar one of the days.
- Other options include a salad bar for lunch, Dunkin Donuts gift cards, and lottery tickets.
- Kathleen Seelig knows the owner of Nourish to Heal, which has many gluten-free options and may provide food if people donate money for it. (Heather Berg will add cash to the signup Genius)
- Bensi is another reliably gluten-free option.
- Heather Berg's father can cook for one of the days. Last year, the sausage and peppers were a hit.

Miscellaneous Business

Box Tops for Education

- Kathleen Seelig demonstrates how to scan receipts for Box Tops, using the Box Tops app.
 1. Lay receipt out flat
 2. Click "Scan", selecting for "paper receipt".
 3. Move downward along the receipt, taking photo photos of each segment of receipt (Duplicate portions of the receipt are acceptable)
- Walmart and Cosco are included.
- Certain products are worth more Box Tops than others.
- Target collects the most Box Tops.

Planetarium Field Trip

- Mike Pepe thanks the PTA for sponsoring the field trip to the Planetarium.
- Third grade will now be included in the trip.
- PTA will cover this but hasn't yet provided the deposit.
- One invoice should go to Ruth Karavidas; the other should go to Brandon Borzelli.

Motion to Adjourn: Brandon Borzelli

Second: Kathleen Seelig

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.