

Newburyport PTO General Meeting Minutes

Bresnahan School Cafeteria

1/16/2019

7:00pm

Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm by Co-President Solen Moriarty

Board Members Present:

Solen Moriarty, Co-President

Melissa Bouse, Vice President

Pam San Antonio, Treasurer

Amanda Bugli, Communications

Nicole De Peña, Secretary

Amy LeBlanc, Bresnahan PreK/K

Melissa Potter, Bresnahan PreK/K

Stacey MacMillan, Bresnahan VP 1-3

Kristen Arcand, Bresnahan VP 1-3

Alyson Aiella, Nock

Joanna Fernandes, Cultural Co-Chair

Lisa Mosquera, Bresnahan PreK/K Teacher Representative

Anna Enaire, Molin Teacher Representative

- I. Welcome (Solen Moriarty)

- II. Superintendent Sean Gallagher
 - A. Introduction and background information
 1. Started in elementary education
 2. Alternative school
 3. Beverly High School Principal
 4. Wilmington Assistant Superintendent
 - B. Transition into Newburyport
 1. Flawless transition
 2. Educational Philosophy
 - a. 21st Century learning
 - b. Bringing people together

- C. Create a Parent Advisory Council
 - 1. Would meet monthly
 - 2. PreK-12 grade representation
 - 3. Planning to set up for Fall 2019
 - D. Classroom Visits
 - 1. Has visited every classroom
 - 2. Important to be visible and involved
- III. Bresnahan Principal Update (Kristina Davis and Amy Sullivan)
 - A. School Council Underway
 - 1. Meetings 3rd Monday of the Month
 - 2. February Meeting will be held 2/28/19 due to holiday
 - 3. Meetings held in Bresnahan Library at 3:15pm
 - 4. Meetings are open to the public
 - B. Inclusive Community for all Students
 - 1. Newburyport was 1 out of 10 districts picked
 - 2. Early childhood grant
 - a. Study the science on brain development
 - b. High quality professional development for teachers
 - c. Includes students needing inclusion services
 - 1. Medical needs
 - 2. EL Students
 - 3. Special Education Students
 - C. District Review
 - 1. Newburyport randomly chosen by state of Massachusetts
 - 2. Participation from school community has been amazing
 - 3. Awaiting results
 - D. Cookie Swap
 - 1. Thank you to parents and PTO
 - 2. Staff really enjoyed it
 - E. Staff Holiday Party 2/8/19
 - F. Pre K/Kindergarden news
 - 1. Progress reports coming out on 1/24/19
 - 2. Parent information night
 - a. 1/30/19 with snow date of 1/31/19
 - b. 6pm for PreK/7pm for Kindergarden
 - c. Enrollment is expected to be higher this year
 - d. PTO will put registration info on PTO fb page
 - e. PreK/K conference will be in March
 - G. Take a Look Tuesdays format
 - 1. People didn't like having to click attachments
 - 2. Last Blast email one page was successful.

- IV. Funding Proposals (Pam San Antonio)
 - A. 8th Grade Annual Trip to Washington D.C.
 - 1. Requested 2k (\$500 more than budget)
 - 2. More need for assistance
 - 3. Recommended by Financial Review Committee
 - a. Motion Moved
 - b. Motion Approved
 - B. Allergy Awareness Assemblies
 - 1. PreK-5th grade
 - 2. 3 different assemblies
 - 3. Teach more sensitivity to students about peers with allergies
 - 4. Will include video support
 - 5. \$1250 cost
 - 6. Recommended by Financial Review Committee
 - a. Motion Moved
 - b. Motion Approved
- V. Bresnahan PreK/K Update(Amy LeBlanc)
 - A. 100 Day celebration
 - 1. 2/4/19 unless we get snow days
 - 2. Need 136 tee shirts
 - 3. Inviting Superintendent Sean Gallagher and Mayor Donna Holiday
 - 4. Zero the Hero will arrive on a fire truck with a police escort
 - 5. Sign up genius will be sent out to help decorate hallway
- VI. Bresnahan Grades 1-3 Update(Kristen Arcand)
 - A. 2/1/19 – Hoedown
 - 1. We have decorations
 - 2. Need to get pizza totals
 - 3. Need waters
 - 4. \$5 at door per family
 - 5. Clipper Crew for clean up
- VII. Molin Update(Anne Enaire)
 - A. Survey out to students
 - 1. what do they want from PTO
 - a. talent show
 - b. dance off
 - c. pep rally
 - d. scavenger hunt
 - 2. Survey will be completed by February 2019
- VIII. Cultural Enrichment Update(Joanna Fernandes)
 - A. Scheduled Assemblies
 - 1. 3/1/19
 - 2. 3/5/19
 - 3. 3/18/19
 - 4. 5/19

- B. Need Feedback from 7th Grade as to what they want for assembly
- IX. Boosterthon Update(Amanda Bugli)
 - A. 3/6/19 Pep Rally
 - B. 3/7/19 Starts
 - C. 3/15/19 Half Day Fun Run
- X. Other
 - A. ASEP Program
 1. Has been difficult to find someone to run the program
 2. Need someone onsite Monday – Friday from 2:50pm-3:50pm
 3. Paid stipend
 4. Volunteers need to be Fingerprinted and Cori'd
 5. Student teacher might be good candidates

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm