

VB Middle PTA Meeting  
March 12, 2019

Introductions

Attendees: Dr. Bergren, Suzy Shull, Kim White, Mr. Fox, Carlye Miller, Lori Calderon  
Angie DeWilde, Courtney Graves, Kelly Lambroff, Sarah Tromly, Connie McKenzie

Approval of February minutes - Suzy approved; Lori seconded.

Mr. Fox report

- last 2 regular season for volleyball and wrestling. We will host playoff game for volleyball next Tuesday if we win tonight. Don't know who we will play. If we win next Tuesday, champs are on 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Silent auction going well – ends noon on Friday. Need pta people 11:45 for silent auction – may get busy
- NJHS apps due Friday March 15. No late submissions will be accepted.
- March 18 cheering tryouts. End on 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Parent meeting for spring sports will be Wednesday March 20 at 5:30
- Fox will be at Ocean Lakes for wrestling tourney this Saturday – top 16 wrestlers
- Jim Dillon scholarship (sponsored by njhs with Irish theme march 25-29) and Rita Simpson scholarship (cookie fundraiser April 1- 12)
- Beach Girls Rock applications have been handed out and are available in guidance March 30 at Salem High School 8-noon.
- Fox out of office April 1-5
- Everything ready to go for spring sports. Fields done by April 22
- 6<sup>th</sup> annual egg hunt – 1200 flyers have gone to elementary schools and preschools. NJHS runs this and art kids do face painting. There's a DJ, cookie decorating, egg hunting. Accepting donations for egg hunt. Any donation of eggs and small candy that fits in eggs (no chocolate, no nuts)
- Tryout numbers for spring sports will be on internet by 7:30
- Check for a \$1000 for killon scholarship given to Kelly
- Presentation of J new ohn Fox scholarship

Bergren

- Writing test next week – high school requirement changes from the State – affects rising group of 9<sup>th</sup> graders. High school students will only be required if needed for verified credit 1 science 1 math 1 reading for federal accountability – if kids have met requirements. A student who no longer needs a verified credit will no longer need to take the test. If algebra 1 passed, no more test. Federal accountability requires the test is taken during high school. Requires fewer tests of kids – won't have to take them unless need them.

- Doesn't affect middle school - Writing test next week – Tues and Wed (multiple choice on tues, writing on Wednesday) Need volunteers to help monitor testing. Teachers have worked hard to prepare kids. Good data came from mock writing test. Kids have been getting intervention on skills. We have an idea of how our kids will perform.
- St. Baldricks fundraiser going on. VB will be part of PA event. Louis first kid to commit to shaving. It's for children's cancer research. Independent events run by smaller organizations. 98% of money goes to cancer research – no overhead. Silent auction. Thanks to those who found items for silent auction. Kim to put link on Facebook. Lori to put permission slip and link on website. We are piggy backing on PAMS event...we are going to do our VB event here Friday am. Fundraiser stays active for a year.
- Social media – remind folks of cell phone policy. When students arrive, they put their phones away. They do not need phones during the school day. Significant disruption. Collect them, sign them in and then kids pick them up in the end of the day. We have added the persistent offender contract. Parents don't often help with this rule bc want to be able to contact kids. Teachers don't consistently enforce. Kids can always use phone in front office. Can't emphasize enough to parents – can't look the other way to the communications they are involved in. What they are exposed to and what they search for.

Treasurer – Neviana not present – Balance will be forthcoming.

Membership – no report

Volunteers – Chris - coin wars this week, sol testing volunteers for hall monitors (sending out again) Will need volunteers for May 20-June 4 for SOL monitoring, May 14 sports physicals, May 9 teacher appreciation.

Box tops - \$97 last check. \$550 for the year. \$1000 goal. Final contest May 29

Concessions – Stacey not present but there are questions about spring concessions. We need First Colonial for the 19<sup>th</sup> for possible volleyball playoff game.

Connie – April 11 lunch for librarians, April 25 secretary appreciation, Admin appreciation May 20, Teacher App May 9.

Laurie – weekly updates go by Thursday 3:00. Will update website with St. Baldricks info.

Kim - \$480.00 raised of the \$800. Would like a thermometer on the website to measure goal. Dedication is set for April 23 for first home baseball game. Pad has been poured. Bench installed shortly. Positive feedback. Scan pics of each of his teams.

Fox – would like check cut for 8<sup>th</sup> grade party by April 15? We get prizes in house. Thanks to PTA for shamrock shirts for them to wear this weekend. Parking at beach garden park will be open for Shamrock.

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