



## Bow Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes

*September 21, 2016*

### In attendance

Principal Kurt Gergler,	Sarah Abberton, PTO Secretary
Vice Principal Jane Morrill-Winter	Mary Holland
Bianca Contreras, PTO President	Tracey Ruest
Beth Sloat, PTO Vice President	Angela Hubbard

### Budget

2016-2017 budget has been approved and Treasurer Missy Carder will circulate the final version by 9/23/16. Final version will be posted to website when available.

### New Business

- **Tailgating Party-** Bianca Contreras proposed a tailgate party prior to Bulldogs football game for middle school students. Food could be offered like hotdogs, chili, and warm pretzels. Discussion followed with interest in trying the event, but additional information needed. Would this be a fundraiser or sponsored event? Does a group already sell concessions for games? What date would work best to not conflict with soccer?
- **Parent Information Series,** Bianca Contreras Chair- Seven possible presenters interested in offering informational sessions to school families. Principal Gergler wants the educational presentation stressed over sales of services. Basketball season could be a conflict with offering education in the cafeteria and using the gymnasium for childcare. Topics may include nutrition, stress management, estate planning, college preparation, etc.
- **Paperless-** Principal Gergler would like BES to be as paperless as possible and encourage families to access BES website, BES Facebook page, and the weekly BES email for information. If absolutely necessary, Principal Gergler is okay with a paper flyer going home with students as long as BES staff and supplies are not used. PTO will monitor sales and event sign-up closely to determine when paper may be necessary.
- **Amazon Smile-** Community members who are shopping at Amazon already can elect to have a percentage of purchases given to Bow PTO via Amazon Smile. Beth Sloat will provide additional detail on how to set up Bow PTO as the chosen charity so website post can be made.

### Committee Reports

- **Bow Spirit Wear,** Bianca Contreras Chair- Shirtmasters online store went live 9/7/16 and will remain open until 9/30/16. There have been requests to add a baseball shirt and a long-sleeved cotton T-shirt option. Bianca will check on progress of on-line sales to determine if a paper flyer needs to be sent home with students to boost sales.
- **Kid Stuff Coupon Books,** Bianca Contreras Chair- Several volunteers stuffed bags and counted booklets out for each BES and BMS class. Principal Gergler sent email notice to Teachers 9/21/16

and will include information in the 9/23/16 Friday BES weekly email. Students take booklets home on that same Friday, Selling period for booklets is 9/26-10/11/16 and cost per booklet is \$25.

- **Annual Donation Drive**- Dawn Payeur collected donations and sent thank you email acknowledgement for each. Sarah to ask Dawn for list to acknowledge donators who checked off that recognition is okay with a website post or Honor Roll list. Bianca recommends putting the donation form on the website.
- **Bow Town Halloween Party**, Petra Shaw Chair- Petra Shaw usually volunteers to man the PTO table at party. Table could benefit from a Halloween upgrade to add more interest. There may be enough trinket prizes leftover to provide treats that evening.
- **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Halloween Dance**, Vacant Chair- Dance to occur 10/28 at BMS but an organizer is needed for this event. Sarah will post a call to action for the vacancy on Facebook and website.
- **Craft Fair**, Nikki Mercier-Rousseau Chair- November 19<sup>th</sup> this year and continues to be the PTO's largest fundraiser. Considering moving to a two-day event in 2017.
- **Ski & Skate Sale**, Alissa Smith Chair- PTO Board decided to increase PTO's percentage for consignment this year. Will consider success this year as to future plans of sale in coordination with Bow Recreation.
- **Polar Express**, Vacant Chair- This is a new event. Kimberly knows that Allenstown does a similar event and PTO may reach out to borrow ideas or props. PTO members will begin gathering ideas for this event,
- **Breath NH**, Sarah Abberton Chair- Requests are made for Breath NH coupon books that tend to offer more discounts for outdoor activities. Booklets are ordered and in the past the PTO website has been set up to accept orders. Sarah to reach out to Breath NH.
- **Mother and Son Event**- July 2017 event looking for an activity that both Moms and Sons will enjoy together such as Bowling, Laser Tag, Snow Shoeing. PTO members to explore ideas that will allow for some profit for fundraising.

## Next Meeting

October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 7:00 pm BES Library

## Minutes Submitted By

Sarah Abberton, PTO Secretary

## Minutes Approved

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016