

Banneker Elementary School

PTO Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2019 9:30am

Attendees: Susan Strong, Katie Knox, Robert Carter, Cara Hendershot, Cy Acord, Megan Rafalski, Marti Bigley

President's Report: Megan Rafalski

Fine Arts Night (4/30)

- Talent Show canceled due to extremely low student enrollment.
- PTO will try to provide an art activity during the Art Show if there are sufficient volunteers to support it. PTO \$100 approved for craft activity.
- 5th Grade to hold Bake Sale to cover pool party on 6/6. PTO to give \$300 towards 5th grade pool party. 6/6 pool party.
- Susan to submit funds request for crafts.

Teacher Appreciation Week

- Schedule of Events:
 - Monday – Teacher lunch and recess coverage
 - Tuesday – Coffee and Tea Cart
 - Wednesday – Teacher Spa Day
 - Thursday – Thank you notes
 - Friday – Teacher lunch (provided by Banneker families) and recess coverage
- Megan will create SUGs for Monday (5/6) recess coverage, and Friday (5/10) potluck lunch/recess coverage and will send SUG links to Susan to be distributed to families.
- Susan will contact Rachel to see if she needs help with Spa Day. Katie Knox volunteered to help as a masseuse.
- Tina will recreate the Teacher Appreciation Station for students to write thank you notes. Megan/Susan will work to get on-line parent notes.

Running Club

- Mr. Moss is starting it again after spring break and needs help running it in the mornings.
- Megan will create a sign-up genius for parents to volunteer. Susan will distribute it.

Pastries for Parents (5/10)

- Sign Up Genius for volunteers coming soon.

End of Year Picnic (5/31)

- We have a contract from the vendor for the obstacle course, but need an approved Facilities Use Form to send to LCPS Risk Management/Procurement.
- Susan will reuse sign-up/RSVP from last year.
- Kelly Nash was nominated to pick-up the fried chicken.

Field Day (6/3 or 6/4)

- Megan will work with Mr. Moss to create SUG and order necessary ribbons.
- Susan will reserve snow cone machine.

Playground trash can – Mr. Carter will submit a request for trash can.

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Secretary's Report: Susan Strong

2019-2020 PTO open positions will be distributed today to all families. Nominations and final vote to be held at the May 8th PTO meeting.

- Volunteer interest is extremely low for 2019-2020.
- Without board members or committee chairs, PTO activities will be minimal or non-existent and it will be difficult to adequately support Banneker students and teachers.
- Katie Knox volunteered to be Election Day Bake Sale chair.

LVHS Scholarships due 4/12. LVHS Awards ceremony in May, will need a PTO Board member available to present the scholarship.

- Mrs. Hendershot volunteered to be the teacher reviewer on the scholarship review committee.

Treasurer's Report: Cy Acord

Funds Requests

- Travel reimbursements were submitted for the Deeper Learning conference in California that was attended by Mr. Carter. The PTO raised concerns that teachers were not submitting their travel expenses to Get Your Teach On. Despite having not budgeted for conference travel expenses in 2018-2019, the PTO wishes to reimburse travel equally among staff if possible. The motion for travel reimbursements was tabled until the May meeting in order for Megan/the PTO to obtain more information on how conferences are budgeted within LCPS.

Staff conferences are paid for by:

- Teacher fundraisers are allocated to conferences, books, spirit items, and classroom materials.
- Per diem is paid by county.
- School/Boosterthon paid for conference fees and hotel.
 - \$350 per teacher, \$100 towards airfare and hotel, Boosterthon paid total of \$1200.
- Teachers are responsible for the difference.
- County provides the school with staff development budget.

Principal's Report: Robert Carter

Career Day and Teacher Treats during April were all well-received. Thank you to parents and community members who came to Banneker for Career Day and to families who made Teacher Treats happen.

Report Cards – LCPS plans to discontinue sending quarterly paper report cards in 2019-2020.

- Parents must access ParentVue in order to receive report cards.
- PTO raised concerns about lack of internet access for rural families.

Brite Byte internet/technology survey due tomorrow.

- Survey can be completed on a computer.

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Teacher Liaison: Cara Hendershot

School wide screen free week after spring break. Class with the most participation will get 30 minutes of extra recess.

- Parents are very excited about this initiative.

New Business

- Parents are concerned by the materials being accessed on-line at school including inappropriate music, YouTube videos, and Awesome Tanks 2 (gun violence).
- Parents do not feel that internet access is appropriately filtered by LCPS.