

Blasdell Elementary School 22-23 March Meeting

Date: March 16th, 2023

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Call Meeting to Order:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence

Approval of the Meeting Minutes from February 15th, 2022.

1. Olivia Schwarzott
2. Erin Reisdorf

Principals Report – Shannon Thurston

Mrs. Thurston said that the open house went well and she will be looking for input for next year. The playground construction will begin in mid-May. The current playground will remain open during construction. Painting will continue and wood flooring will be put into the office during Spring break. They are looking into updating the navy blue tile in the new wing to Frontier Blue, and asking about painting the cafeteria.

Title 1 Presentation: Title 1 is a Federally Funded program that began in 1956 and was updated in 1994. It is a National program that help close the educational gap and provide a high quality education. \$14 billion dollars is distributed to about 50% of public schools that qualify to receive the funding. To meet the requirements 40% minimum, need to qualify for free/reduced lunch in the school. At Blasdell: 52.5% qualify for free, 5.5% qualify for reduced for a total of 58%. Blasdell uses the funding for: (3) Reading teachers, (1) math teacher, the preschool program, instructional materials, supplies, manipulatives, teacher resources and supplemental instruction.

Follow up questions were asked regarding parent involvement, and how the funds are being allocated. Mrs. Thurston said it is determined at the district level and she would follow up, or anyone can email with specific questions.

Teachers Report – Amy Redmond

Mrs. Selig is still looking for additional guest readers. Mrs. Love wanted to send a reminder to have your children have a change of clothes at school in their locker/cubby. She is also looking for donations of size 8-10 unisex sweat pants. 5th grade is selling Amsdell 6 pack ice cream sandwiches for \$15. This will support 5th grade end of year activities. Checks can be made out to "Blasdell Activities".

Board Member Reports

- Jennifer Silver: Council Delegate: The superintendent was not at the last meeting. There were discussions about the picture company for next year and the scholarship luncheon in May. There are open seats for the PTA Council: President, vice-president, and secretary. Please reach out if you are interested. Next meeting is April 12th.

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- Erin Parks: Social Media update: Reminder to keep the Facebook group respectful and kind, she is grateful for how it has been going. She appreciated the Lost & Found posts. And a reminder that the Facebook page is only for current staff members and guardians of current Blasdell students.
- Nicole Sweeney: Treasurer: Finance Update:
 - Balance as of 2/15/2022: \$18,166.54
 - Current Balance: \$21,339.21
 - Profits:
 - (Yearly) Membership: \$286.00
 - Book Fair Raffle: \$26.00
 - Jostens Commissions: \$679.72
 - Water bottle Sales: \$60.00
 - Chick-fil-A: \$455.84
 - Expenses:
 - Me & My Guy: \$493.67
 - Book Fair: \$126.34
 - Hospitality: \$46.07
- Tiffany Tangel: Secretary:
 - Yearbooks will go on sale at the end of March, they will be on sale until 4/21. They will be \$11.00 and all sales are on-line.
- Courtney Malicki: Membership Chair:
 - Our Membership Goal for the year is: 172
 - Our Current Membership is: 175
 - We officially met our goal!
 - Apparel orders total in sales is: \$939.64, profit check is being mailed. (Fall apparel total sales: \$2,074.00)
 - We need the total number of expected incoming kindergarteners to order shirts.
 - What company is the 5th grade using for shirts?
- Lizzii Young: Fundraising Chair:
 - Chicken BBQ: with Weidners We will have a ½ chicken, mac and cheese, salad and roll for \$15. Dinners will be \$15.00. March 24th, 2023 pick up from 4:30-6:30 for pre-sale walk ups until 7:30.
 - Sneaker Drive: will run at the end of April – the end of the school year. The donated sneakers will be turned into turf or upcycled and donated to children in need if in good enough shape.
 - Chick-fil-A: We were their 1st spirit night for this location, we look forward to doing it again next year.
 - Fran and Ceil – Ice cream Spirit night at the end of the school year.
 - Candy: Candy bars for the Spring. \$75/box, \$3/2 candy bars. A kindle Fire will be raffled off. Will run at the end of April.

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- Heather Caligiuri: President:

- Spring Bookfair was our most successful yet! \$10,552.41 in total sales. Mrs. Fuchs won the door decorating contest and received \$25 in scholastic dollars. The school raised \$2,661.61 in the Books for Change Drive; the library was able to purchase new books at the bookfair. Thank you to everyone that made it so successful! Our current Scholastic Dollar balance is: \$7,263.34. Some of this money does expire. \$1,000.00 of it will need to be used by September 2023. Discussions were had on purchasing the incoming kindergarten books with that money and the PTA asked Mrs. Thurston if she had any suggestions/wish list to be looked at using some scholastic dollars to fund.
- Me and My Gal will be held at the Palace Theater on May 13th at 11am-1pm. We will work on getting a backdrop/red carpet for photo opportunity and supply some snacks. The movie still will be voted on.
- Field Day is June 9th. Nickel City Reptile will be here. \$650/hr, \$100 Deposit paid. All of the kids will be in the gym for one 1-hour show.
- Future fundraising was discussed: car washes, doing two fundraisers at one time, Raygay sales for a color/fun run.
- Lizzie is looking into and applying for grants for a Book Vending Machine. We will probably need to start a committee. The Vending Machine costs around \$6,000.00. Once we have the machine, we can stock it with books using scholastic dollars.
- First Day School Supplies will begin and run through July 1st. The prices will be up from last year.
- Cider and Donuts is being rescheduled to a popsicle day – need a day.

Assemblies:

- Nickel City is booked for Field Day on June 9th.
- Hawk Creek – looking into booking details for this year.
- Buffalo Science Museum: (K-2) Bubble and (3-5) Earth Science
- Anti-bullying Magician, Magic Mike. Free for 1 show. \$250 for 5 shows. Next November looking into booking him for Anti-Bullying week.

Field Day: June 9th

- Looking for Volunteers to help serve the lunch, the gym teachers will also reach out for volunteers for the Field games.
- We have \$2,000.00 for lunch we will start looking into cost. Suggestions were made to look for donations: McDonalds for apple sliced and water, Frit-O-Lay for box chips variety packs, TOPS donations. Also need to speak with Helen on dietary needs. Main lunch will be hot dogs and buns.
- Look into a Fire Truck coming to spray.
- Looking into cotton candy and snow cones.
- If anyone wants to help with this, please reach out.

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Events for next year:

- Need to set dates so they can be loaded onto District calendar for next year.
- Looking for opinions on changing up some events. Discussions were had about having one dance instead of two separate events, logistics of all in one dance did not seem to work. Powder puff football game was discussed for the boys with their special gal event.
- Blasdell has 2 open board positions for next year. Per the bylaws we will be forming a nominations committee. All nominations need to be in by April and the vote will happen in May.
- Starting a new committee for Fifth Grade events/fundraising. We will need a 5th grade teacher/point of contact. This committee will run separate fundraisers for 5th grade.

Upcoming Events: Please feel free to volunteer:

- Me & My Gal Dance: May 13th 11:00-1:00
- Field Day: June 9th
- Next Meeting April 20th, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Motion to Adjourn:

1. Olivia Schwarzott
2. Amy Redmond