

Blasdell Elementary School 22-23 April Meeting

Date: April 20th, 2023

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Call Meeting to Order:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence

Approval of the Meeting Minutes from March 16th, 2023.

1. Danielle Skinner
2. Rachael Barrett

Principals Report – Shannon Thurston

Mrs. Thurston was not present, but Mrs. Redmond shared her report. 31 parents responded to the Open House survey - the majority voted to split the Open House event between the grades (K-2, 3-5), and to hold the Chicken BBQ fundraiser at the same time.

Nickel City Reptiles and Exotics came on April 18th for all grades and was a huge success. Students and staff both enjoyed the experience.

ELA assessments are happening now for grades 3-5.

The painting of the school is almost complete, and staff is excited for it to finish in time for the Art Show, which is going to be held on May 25th

4th and 5th graders have upcoming concerts.

Teachers Report – Amy Redmond

Mrs. Selig was overwhelmed by the generosity of the PTA and the school for all of the PARP participation and resources, and she sends her many thanks.

Service Club will be cleaning up JFK Park on Saturday April 22nd from 10am-12pm

Invention Convention is coming up for grades 4 and 5 – we will have more details soon.

Pop tabs will continue to be collected through the end of the year.

Special Budget Vote

It has been proposed to amend the Cider and Donuts budget line in the amount of \$500 to be used for the Foam Guy on Field Day. The vote passed with unanimous approval.

Board Member Reports

- Jennifer Silver: Council Delegate: Jennifer was not present, but she sent her Council report. The final meeting for the year was held on April 12th, and elections were held.
Danielle Thomson – President
Jennifer Szustakowski – Vice-President
Kristin Pitirri – Treasurer
Rachel Zimmerman – Secretary

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The PTA Scholarship luncheon will be held on May 17th, and Senior Walkthrough day – where current seniors visit their elementary schools – will be on May 25th.

The next council meeting will be for the 2023-2024 school year in September.

- Nicole Sweeney: Treasurer: Finance Update:

Nicole was not present, but she sent her financial report:

Current Balance: \$19,374.44

Profits:

(Yearly) Membership: \$286.00

Apparel Profit: \$89.70

Chick Fil A Profit: \$455.84

Chicken BBQ: \$1,743.50

Expenses:

Assemblies: \$1,369.80 (Nickel City Reptiles and Exotics, Hawk Creek for field day)

2nd grade grant: \$179.81 (Upcoming picnic field trip)

K grade grant: \$157.25 (Upcoming playground field trip)

Book Fair: \$36.94

- Courtney Malicki: Membership Chair:

We met our goal of 172 members for the year, with our current total still at 175.

NYS PTA is proposing an increase in member dues to \$5.75, which would force us to raise our dues as well. Voting for this proposal will be online on June 14th-15th.

There is also a vote to pass a nutrition bill, which would provide free lunch for all children in NYS.

- Lizzii Young: Fundraising Chair:

We are behind for the year, so we need to make our last efforts count!

We will be combining the candy bar sales and car wash tickets. We will place a bulk order for car wash tickets and then sell the tickets for Delta Sonic washes at \$17 each, and we get to keep 50%.

Candy bar boxes will be purchased by the parents up front, and then they will sell them.

- Tiffany Tangel: Secretary:

Yearbooks:

The last day to order yearbooks is Monday, April 24th. You can only order them online for \$11 each, plus a small service fee. These will be distributed on Field Day.

We have sold 177 so far, and you will not be able to purchase them after ordering closes.

Me and My Gal:

We will be showing “DC League of SuperPets” at the Hamburg Palace Theatre on May 13th, starting at 11am. Tiffany reached out to the WNY Superhero Alliance and they will have a presence there for the kids to enjoy! The first 100 boys to arrive will receive a free popcorn, but

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we are still looking for snack and juice donations, as well as a volunteer to photograph our “red carpet”. Lizzii Young is checking to see if she will be available for this service.

- Erin Parks: Vice-President:
Fran Ceil Ice Cream Night:
Ice cream night will be held on May 2nd – flyers will be coming home soon!
- Heather Caligiuri: President:

Field Day: June 9th

We have a firetruck coming to set up a water-fun station for students, and the PTA is providing funds for Hawk Creek and the Foam Guy to be there as well. The gym teachers are looking for parent volunteers to run the games for both sessions. The PTA will need volunteers as well to help run lunch for the school. The students are given the option of a hot dog, hamburger, or uncrustable with some sides. We will come up with a color-coding system of some kind to pass along to the teachers for each student’s order to make the line move smoothly.

There was some confusion on whether the PTA was providing lunch for the staff – an email was sent to staff asking for their orders, but we are not budgeted for this. We are seeking clarification.

We also need clarification on where we will be setting up lunch, since the construction will be happening on the front lawn this year.

Nominations for Next Year’s PTA Board

Voting will be held next meeting. Current nominations are:

Lizzii Young for Vice-President

Heather Van Elk for Secretary

Rachael Barrett for Fundraising Chair

Old Business

Water bottles are still available for \$10 each

Apparel – we tried All-Stars in the spring with little success. There were fewer orders, probably due to the price difference. We experienced printing issues as well – the image was slightly off-center, but All-Stars would only rerun orders for customers that reached out to them directly, and even then they made it difficult to contact them. Ms. Juron has designed a new bee to run the second week of September, and we agreed on grey as the background color.

5th grade committee teacher for next year is still up in the air, but Mrs. Redmond has some ideas.

Nickel City Reptiles and Exotics Assembly occurred on April 18th and was a HUGE success.

New Business

First Day School Supply Boxes – the store is now open, and the last day to order will be July 1st. If we sell 50 boxes by the end of April, we will be entered to win a school supply grant of \$2500.

Flyers will be coming home soon.

Next year's dates and events have already been planned, so we can add them to the district calendar.

August 31st – We will be holding a Back to Class Bash party in the back yard of the school! We'll serve hot dogs and have games and activities for the incoming students and their families to enjoy.

New Fundraising ideas for next year – we want to involve the kids more in the process, so fun activities like a color run or family-friendly meat raffle have been suggested. We're looking into a carnival for May 2024 where families can pay to get snacks and play games. We will still also have traditional fundraisers and dine-out nights. A question was asked about a parent running a football squares or something similar and donating the proceeds to the PTA – we will look into the legality of this.

A question was asked about next year's start time – we don't know yet, but the elementary schools will be split again.

Upcoming Events: Please feel free to volunteer:

- Me & My Gal Dance: May 13th 11:00-1:00
- Field Day: June 9th
- Next Meeting May 18th, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Motion to Adjourn:

1. Amy Redmond
2. Courtney Malicki