

Belle Aire PTA Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2020

3:10 p.m.

- I. Welcome/Call to Order at 3:12pm Erin Berger
- II. Principal's Report Brent Borchelt
 - a. We are working with the Citizen Task Force to try to get more in line with other nearby communities who have recently passed a referendum. Our current cost is \$172 million. This includes maintenance items such as roofs, bathrooms, heating updates. Adding A/C to all schools. Changing to a 6-8 middle school concept. This can be challenging because 70% of registered voters don't have a child in school. Next steps include telephone polling and educating the community.
 - b. Q: How would you like 6-8 middle school concept? Mr. Borchelt is in favor of it. He would have liked it back when he taught at Herrick. Easier to have that extra year to transition rather than entering in 7th and exiting in 8th. Another benefit is more access to hands-on science experiments through labs that our elementary schools lack.
 - c. Report cards go home on Friday.
 - d. Spring Break is coming up. IAR testing will begin after break on April 7 for grades 3-6.
 - e. Q: What steps will be taken if/when Coronavirus enters DuPage County? Mr. Borchelt explained that it won't be a building decision, but rather it will be a District 58 decision. They will coordinate with the DuPage County Health Dept. Nurse is doing a lesson with kids on hand washing. Cleaning crew is still doing heavy winter cleaning protocol due to flu and now new virus. It is a nerve-wracking issue, but try not to panic.
- III. Director of Membership Carrie Blonigen
 - a. No update
- IV. Secretary Nicole Schulz
 - a. January meeting minutes presented. Amanda Y. motions to approve. Erin B. seconds. 0 Nos. Minutes approved without changes.
- V. Treasurer Lauren Alvarez
 - a. No update
- VI. VP of Committees Amanda Yoho
 - a. Reading Games: Sue Helsdon stepping down from district level position. If anyone is interested in keeping this going, reach out to her for more info.
 - b. School Supply Boxes: Melissa Pillai is working with MaryBeth to confirm lists for next year. Teachers will approve lists this week. Using Shane's supply company again.
 - c. Author Fest: Chris Waden thanks PTA, Mrs. Mommsen, Mrs. Blanchard, teachers and staff who were instrumental in preparing for the event. Each grade was able to meet 2 authors. The authors were extremely complimentary of our students and school prep.
 - d. Book-Puzzle Exchange: Jennifer Viktora-Cuomo thanks all volunteers helping make it a great exchange.
 - e. Yearbook: Amanda needs a few more classes to have a yearbook parent volunteer to help assemble one page of snapshots per grade. Please continue to send her your photos via email Amanda.yoho@gmail.com
 - f. Earth Week: April 20-24. Jennifer Viktora-Cuomo is working with student council on it.
 - g. After-school programs: Mary Ann Raisinghani welcomed 2 new vendors this year: Learning Means Fun (chess, robotics & coding) and BAM Theatre (musical). 31 students participated in Seussical Musical this

fall and the Jungle Book is currently offered w/30 students enrolled. We also offer Gardner School of Spanish (17 students). Young Rembrandts Art class starts on April 7.

- VII. President's Report Erin Berger
- a. Variety Show was a success. Tivoli complimented our behavior. Thanks to Brent for helping enforce the rules. Thanks to all volunteers who helped make this event happen. Great job to all of the children who participated.
 - b. Chris Waden is leaving the Author Fest at the district level if anyone is interested.
 - c. Thank you:
 - i. Trivia Night Chair: Carrie Blonigen
 - ii. Trivia Night Hosts: Jen & Josh Blaha
 - iii. Trivia Night Committee: Andria Curtis, Annie Perrone, Belinda Kloss, Dana Cox, Jen Blaha, Erin Doty, Terese Prena, Vesna Young
 - iv. Variety Show Chair: Marlana Wolff
 - v. Variety Show Committee: Andria Curtis, Carrie Schneider, Molly Maci, Lisa Bajramovic, Peter Rudd
 - vi. Author Fest: Chris Waden
 - vii. Book-Puzzle Exchange: Jen Viktora-Cuomo
- VIII. Trivia Night Carrie Blonigen
- a. It was a success at new location. Thank you to Blahas for allowing us to use the space. We grossed \$10,814 and still have receipts coming in, so net profit will be around \$10,200. Last year we made \$6700. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated auction items, bid on auction items and a special thanks to teachers for donating experience auction items. We will have this event again next year around same time.
- IX. Nominating Committee Erin Berger
- a. We need a nominating committee for PTA open exec positions for 2020-21: Pres-Elect, VP of Committees, VP of Fundraising. These positions can be co-chaired. Jennifer Viktora-Cuomo volunteered to be on the nominating committee along with Erin Doty and Nicole Smith. Vesna Young previously committed to this role as well. We will need the nominating committee's candidates before the May PTA Meeting. They will be voted on at that meeting.
- X. Announcements:
- a. March 19 = Restaurant Night at That Burger Joint/Oberweis and Reading to Dogs 3rd Gr.
 - b. March 30-April 3 = Spring Break
 - c. April 10 = No School
 - d. May 4-9 = Screen Free Week
 - e. May 7 = Open House & Book Fair
- XI. Adjournment
- a. Carrie B. motions to adjourn. Amanda Y. seconds. Meeting adjourns at 3:40pm.