

Belle Aire PTA Meeting via Zoom

January 19, 2021 at 7:00pm

- I. Welcome/Call to order 7:06pm Erin Doty
- II. Principal's Report Brent Borchelt
  - a. Update on quarantine procedures: When a student needs to quarantine, if no remote teacher is available at BA, it's typically a 2 day transition period for: new remote teacher to reach out to parents, homeroom teacher and new remote teacher to discuss student progress, and time to distribute any new materials to student. Not all BA grade levels have a remote section. For example, Ms. Cook (1<sup>st</sup> Gr) teaches hybrid am/hybrid pm while Ms. Melone (3<sup>rd</sup> Gr) teaches hybrid am/remote pm. If a student from Ms. Cook's class needs to quarantine, he/she will be placed temporarily in another DG58 remote classroom with a new teacher. Whereas if a student in Ms. Melone or Mrs. Fulton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr classes needs to quarantine, he/she will be placed in Ms. Melone's pm remote section. Remote avg. class size 15-17 students.
  - b. District is experimenting with "concurrent learning" to help eliminate this awkward transition stage for temporary remote classes. The student needing to quarantine would access his/her homeroom hybrid teacher via zoom. It will alleviate the teacher change and/or time change, but the student will not be participating in the same manner from home as he/she would be in the actual classroom. Mrs. Barnick is trying concurrent learning tomorrow.
  - c. District wants to bring fully remote students back to home schools. Brent is not clear on all the steps to make this happen. Downside is teacher change and/or time change. Upside is being back with home school community. BA fully remote families are technically no longer BA students. For example, the fully remote 1<sup>st</sup> graders at Lester are now considered part of Lester. These families are no longer on Brent's email blast.
  - d. Principals are meeting with Dr. Russell to discuss class pictures. Trying to find a way to have yearbook photos welcoming new BA students while not leaving out former BA students who are now fully remote at other DG58 schools. Since no field trips, assemblies or pta events to photograph, might need pictures sent from home. Home photos would need to be compliant with social distance rules, no big groups.
  - e. Green Apple Awards: District awards presented to recognize outstanding teachers. A donation is made to the education foundation to give back to our students and teachers through grants. So far Mrs. Fulton, Miss Woo and Mrs. Barnick have received Green Apple awards this year. Also, Mrs. Mommsen was awarded grant money for LRC research platforms.
  - f. Valentine's Day: Teachers will focus on SEL lessons highlighting friendship and kindness. No party or card exchange, will be similar to Halloween and winter holidays this year.
- III. Secretary's Report Nicole Schulz
  - a. Amend November 10, 2020 meeting minutes "Section IX, item g" to reflect date change for this pta meeting from January 12, 2021 to January 19, 2021. Erin motions to approve, Shannon seconds, 0 Nos. Minutes approved with date change.
- IV. Treasurer's Report Lauren Alvarez
  - a. Currently moving data from Xero Accounting to Quickbooks
  - b. In process of filing taxes with extension
  - c. Annual report completed today with Secretary of State
  - d. Bank balances: \$24,885.54 checking with \$543.03 pending
  - e. Savings account \$15,000.85. Need to transfer \$5000 from checking account to playground fund from DuPage Construction playground donation.
  - f. MemberHub is current

- V. VP Committees Melinda Therriault
- a. BoxTops: only 43 families participating
  - b. Raging waves & Six flags: rewards programs canceled this year
  - c. Environmental committee: will do Bingo for earth week
  - d. Variety Show: Marlana Wolfe would run the show virtually if enough interest
  - e. Yearbook: Andria Curtis will have more info soon. Jostens is being flexible. No specific deadline. Might need photos sent from home.
  - f. FitDogs: Amanda Yoho is creating a February Fitness Bingo game with gift card incentive. Using pta line item for Health/Wellness to fund \$100 worth of gift cards for student raffle. Can include our Lester remote students bc they are still on our pta email blast.
- VI. VP Membership Carrie Blonigen
- a. Membership still around 40% of families. We didn't pay for financial assistance families this year because there was a new rule that we had to pay for all families or none. We chose none since we're unable to offer fun lunches this year.
  - b. Q: How does our membership level compare to other schools in our district? Carrie will ask at next DG PTA council meeting. We're typically around 95% which is normally 1<sup>st</sup> place in our district, mostly attributed to small community and our fun lunch program.
  - c. DGN \$500 Scholarship will be virtual. Carrie will get BA application to DGN. Tell neighbors.
- VII. Trivia Night Committee Chair Carrie Blonigen
- a. Virtual Family Event scheduled for Friday, February 19, 2021 from 6:30-8pm. Hiring "Baig of Tricks" vendor to facilitate on their private YouTube channel for \$100 fee. This will not be a "fundraiser" as in previous years. No set cost to play, just asking for monetary donations to help cover prizes. Partnering with "Orange & Brew" for beer/pop to-go party pack and with "Gatto's Restaurant" for family meal deal. Waiting to hear back from Cellar Door for a wine package deal. These are optional to support local small businesses that have supported BA in recent years, not asking for percentage back to our school.
- VIII. VP Fundraising Lauren Evans & Shannon Villanueva
- a. Panera Fundraiser earned around \$250. Charleston Wrap earned \$660. Andersons Books earned \$230. Golf Outing will be in May at DG Golf Course. Birthday Banner has honored 31 students so far, earning us over \$600. Portillos & Culvers restaurant nights next. Not asking local small business for a giveback at this hard time, will make FB post of restaurants that have supported BA in past if you'd like to patronize them.
- IX. President's Report Erin Doty
- a. Thank you:
    - i. Andrea Petrino & Terese Prena for coffee/tea/bundt cakes for teachers in lieu of annual holiday tea, DuPage Adjusters/DuPage Construction for generous donation to playground fund, all who supported Panera fundraiser night.
  - b. PTA Bulldog masks were given to teachers to distribute to remote students.
  - c. Need nominating committee members to recommend PTA officers for 2021-2022 including President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer & VP Membership.
  - d. Congratulations to our 4 BA Reflections participants, all are advancing to State level.
  - e. PTA will be gathering food & hygiene items for community members in need.
  - f. No School: February 15 & February 26
  - g. Virtual Family Trivia Night: February 19
  - h. Parent Teacher Conferences: March 9 & 11
  - i. Next PTA meeting will be March 16, 2021
  - j. Carrie motions to adjourn. Shannon seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.