



MINUTES

Brittonkill PTSA Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2023/ 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by President, Kim Santandera

In Attendance

Kim Santandera- President, Lori Lewis- Vice President, Christy Fortin - Secretary

Kelly Onorato, Sheri Lewis, Kimberly Yando, Chelsea Stevenson, Shane Kelly, Casey Snyder, Heather Jones, Lindsay Beraldi, Ryan Goodenough, Emily Goodenough

via google meet: Angelina Maloney, Katie Chapman

Approval of Minutes - Christy Fortin

October 2023 minutes read and approved.

Board/President Report - Kim Santandera

Chelsea Stevenson has accepted the position of Treasurer for the remainder of the term ending in June 2024.

Treasurers Report - Kim Santandera

Budget presented for 2023-2024 school year, amendments can be made as necessary. Will present an analysis at the next meeting (1/9/24) and see if categories need to be amended.

Principal's Report, Kelly Onorato

The first set of PAWS awards were celebrated on 11/9 for those students nominated for the first marking period. They celebrated with a sundae kit donated by stewarts. Faculty from all areas (teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria staff, specials, etc) nominated students who show preparedness. The second marking period will focus on positive attitude for "A"

We hosted the all county chorus event in early November which highlighted the music program, elementary students were involved and the cafeteria staff served a paid lunch to all students that participated.

Halloween parade was well attended this year; may make adjustments to parking next year so cars are not exiting the lot when students are still walking back there.

First quarter report cards will be handed out at parent/teacher conference days coming up. They will include reading and math progress updates from iReady. This report shows more details about each child's reading skills vs the F & P level on previous report cards.

For state testing we are going to be required to shift to computer based testing in ELA, math and science. We will start with 5th grade this year and transition to all grades in years to come.

The second step SEL (social emotional learning) program is off to a great start. Teachers are finding it very helpful and appropriate learning for each grade level.

Open Discussion

1. Bingo night will need to be pushed to January as we could not secure a date for the cafeteria before the holidays.
2. Bus driver appreciation day is 2/22/24 while we are on break. Will celebrate on 2/26/24
3. The holiday shop is set for 12/11-12/15 again in C5. We have a new company this year and have ordered lots of products so we do not need to restock daily and wait for more items. We already have the flyers that go home in hand. NO CHECKS for payment this year. A volunteer sign up went out for this today via email and facebook group and will be in half day increments where specific tasks will be assigned to volunteers to help it run smoothly. The first day will be decorating and set up, others will be helping run the shop. We are hoping to have 4th and 5th grade help the younger students shop and possibly pair them with their current reading buddies.
4. Law Enforcement day is 1/9/24. We are hoping to host a sub lunch again for students and their family members in law enforcement.
5. SOUPer bowl date will be Friday, 2/9/24.
6. We are hoping to coordinate with Guptils for a skate night in the spring, date TBD.
7. An idea of running the PARP (Parents as Reading Partners) program was discussed to replace Read for Ronald. Mrs. Zakrzewski has agreed to take over the Read for Ronald program this year so will go with that in March.
8. Dr. Maloney discussed the free lunch for all students qualification and how we are about 0.5% away from qualifying. Joy from food service has submitted additional information/data so that we can hopefully qualify. She urged all families to fill out the reduced lunch form even if they do not qualify as it helps out with other federal funding. More info will be shared on the qualification once the district hears back.

Next Meeting

Tuesday January 9, 2024 at 6:30pm. Location TBD

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.