



## Meeting Minutes

### BOOTH FREE SCHOOL PTO

**Date:** February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Location:** Zoom Meeting

#### Officers

**Co-President:** Jessica Granger

**Co-President:** Cara Abraham

**Vice President:** Megan Hodge

**Treasurer:** Brenda McGuire

**Secretary:** Donna Laskowski

**Meeting Called to Order By:** Cara Abraham

**Time:** 6:39 pm

**Minutes from 1/27/21 were read and accepted**

**Attendance:** Cara Abraham, Donna Laskowski, Megan Hodge, Cathy Colella, Cathleen Brooks, Sarah Curren, Roseann Cice, Melissa Kamkar

#### Committee Reports

**Principal's Report / Student Council Report: Speaker / Cathy Colella:**

- Attached Report

**Treasurer's Report: Speaker / Brenda McGuire**

- No new activity to report

**Enrichment Programs: Speaker / Meagan Hodge**

- All enrichment programs on pause – We will continue to reassess feasibility.



## **Old Business**

### **Playground Improvements:**

- Snow-blocks have been purchased and added to playground equipment.
- 4 Volunteers have been identified to assist with playground improvements in the spring.

### **Raising Spirits! Reading challenge:**

- Cathy and her staff have designed a simple execution that will support a Covid -safe environment. There will be two teams comprised of grades K-2 and 3 – 5. Raffle tickets and prizes will be awarded each week in addition to a fun activity every Friday.

### **Virtual Talent Show:**

- Bethany Krett has volunteered to support the production of a video compilation of student submissions. Cara to compose a flyer to share with BFS families.

## **New Business**

**No new business**

**Meeting Adjourned At:** 6:56 PM | Motion to adjourn by: Cathy Colella

**Minutes Compiled by:** Donna Laskowski



**Booth Free School PTO Principal's Report -2/17/21**  
**Cathy G. Colella, Principal and Cathleen Brooks, Head Teacher**


1. Thank you to staff and parents for making our recent virtual snow day a success! Looks like we may have more!
2. Kindergarten Registration was held last month. If you know anyone who might have missed this event, please contact our school's secretary, Laura Horrigan, at the Booth Free School office at 860-354-9391.
3. Our music teacher, Mrs. Doiron, has returned to Booth Free. She will be with us for the next few weeks.
4. March 2<sup>nd</sup> is Dr. Seuss' birthday. During the month of February, we have been preparing for this celebration and getting ready to kick off our month long Read-A-Thon. Information will be sent home on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
5. REACH Virtual Open House was recently held on Monday, February 8, 2021 from 2:30-3:15 p.m. Interested families can apply for the program through our district website at [www.region-12.org](http://www.region-12.org).
6. Student Council has focused their efforts on participation in the #BeKindChallenge. BFS's kindness chain is hung in the hallway and is growing.
7. Reminder to all parents about following safety procedures for In-Person drop-off and Car drop-off. The following reminder will be sent home this week due to some safety concerns.

**School Arrival time is between 8:40-8:55 a.m.**

***Bus drop off:*** Bus drop off will be at the front door within the circle at approximately 8:40 a.m. Buses will unload one at a time. Temperatures will be taken daily as students exit the bus. Students will enter the front door using social distancing and report to their assigned classroom.

***In person drop off:*** A parent who wishes to drop off their student in person is asked to park across the street at the Senior Center and walk the student to the front door and a staff member will greet and receive them. The parent is asked to remain until the temperature check is completed. The student is then directed to the classroom.

***Car drop off:*** A parent who wishes to **drop off only without walking their student to the door** can do so no earlier than 8:50 a.m. following the bus drop off. **The student must exit the passenger side of the car** and will be greeted by a staff member. **Parents are asked to remain in the vehicle** and not to leave until the student is visually assessed for health and a temperature check has been completed. The student will be directed to their classroom.

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8. The weather is so unpredictable! Please remember to send your child with sufficient outerwear for the expected cold. The children go out for recess in most conditions.

Important Upcoming Dates:

2/22 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

2/24 Early Release Day, 12:45 Dismissal

3/2. Dr. Seuss' Birthday/NEA Read Across America

3/3 Grades Close

3/8 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

3/17 PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

