



Meeting Minutes

BOOTH FREE SCHOOL PTO

Date: March 17th, 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: 6:32pm

Minutes from 2/17/21 were read and accepted

Attendance: Cara Abraham, Donna Laskowski, Brenda McGuire, Cathy Colella, Cathleen Brooks, Roseann Cice

Committee Reports

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

- Attached Report

Treasurer's Report: Speaker / Brenda McGuire

- Reimbursements issued from PTO budget towards playground Equipment purchases, spirit wear, and supplies for the BFS reading challenge.

Enrichment Programs: Speaker / Meagan Hodge

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



Old Business

Square 1 Art:

- Orders have been concluded. Minimum number of orders has been reached to qualify for free shipping.

Playground Improvements:

- Blacktop stencils planned. Cathy will check-in with teachers to see what other options to consider for playground enhancements.

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. April 9th will be the deadline.

New Business

No new business

Meeting Adjourned At: 7:06 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 2nd 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 22nd.
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.
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.

