

Bannockburn Elementary School PTA General Meeting
03/01/2022 @ 7.30pm via ZOOM

Presentation on the new Media Space and the PTA Diverse Books Initiative: Ms. Sarah Chuk, BES Media Specialist

- Makerspace area with tables, white board,
- Everybody Section
- Browsing chromebook stations for kids to locate materials
- Books are categorized by genre (“graphic novel”, “black-eyed susan”, etc)
- Instructional area with tables, promethean board
- Kids enjoy the space a lot—“awesome”, “Curiosity”, etc
- Instructional Program
 - o Information literacy
 - o Digital citizenship
 - o Literature appreciation
- Bannockburn ES Media Center page on MCPSmd.instructure.com gives access to online resources available to BES students
 - o Log in to MyMCPS classroom via ParentVue
 - o E.g. Britannica, Proquest, PebbleGo, Capstone, epic, etc.
- Chromebook repair via Media Center—take chromebook to Ms. Chuk if it is broken/needs to be fixed.
- DEI book drive

 - o Increase DEI books available
 - o Grades 2-5 engage in novel study books that focus on DEI
 - o Grades K+1 book list developed.

Approve Prior Minutes: Juliette Searight

- Motion to approve by David, second by Susan, all approved, no objections.

Present/Approve Budget: Kevin Stults

- Budget through March 1, 2022 is on track
- Encourage people to attend auction and fun run, sign up for membership if haven’t done that yet
- Kevin S. moved to approve budget, vanessa Sax seconded, all approved, no objections.

Green Schools Update: Katy Levine, David Hecht, Marget Maurer

- Requires after school activities to maintain green school status
- ~6 after school activities starting Friday, March 11 (David H. eye-spy), and then Tuesday afternoons with Audubon for 5 weeks.
- Go onto the BES PTA webpage to sign up!

Fun Run Update: Kathleen Wolf

- March 18, onsite registration at 8:30, run at 9:30
- Tee shirts—5 great designs!
- Will give out tee shirts morning before the run
- Have some SSL kids and parent volunteers to set up cones and guide people through the route.
- Post-race snacks and DJ on the blacktop
- Raffle—gift cards from local businesses—if you can help get some, pass on to Juliette or Kathleen

Earth Day April 23: Marget Maurer

- Outside, activities, will need parent volunteers
- Education and activity focused tables, emphasis on planting, recycling
- More info to come

Auction Update: Anna Benefiel

- Get tickets, \$35
- Bidding starts now
- Please buy your ticket for auction and plan to attend a great party with your friends! \$35 for PTA members. Auction will be 7p-10p on Saturday April 30 at the Praline Bakery rooftop garden, 4611 Sangamore Rd Bethesda MD 20816. Tickets: <https://www.biddingowl.com/BESPTAAuction2022>
- Need sport events and business donations
- Decorate! Get ready to enjoy the circus! Origami animals requested. Contact Anna to help with auction donation/planning

Diverse Books Initiative and DEI Survey update: Marsha Ashley, Kelly Griffiths and Lisa Kays

- All books on wish list
- Will send out email on Friday detailing the book drive and asking parents to donate via a sign up genius
- Will have bins set up at school to collect books
- March 4-April 9. Will inventory collection at that point, and if have a deficit we will use Scholastic dollars from book fair to make up deficit, and finally we will use PTA budget if needed to complete the DEI initiative.

Variety Show: Sebastian Gordon

- This year will be virtual like last year
- 2-min acts, can be singing, dancing, stand up, plays, talents of all sorts
- Have talked to Principal Bradley to have her play the show for the kids at school during lunch—not certain when
- Requested acts due to Seb by April 19, show to be completed by May 23.
- “Live emcee” could be spliced into the video as well—Will maybe get the 5th graders or Seb to emcee.

Resident Artist Program Update: Erika Satlof and Asha Balakrishnan

- Virtual dance assembly 3/14
- Felted wool project for 1st floor main hallway will be hung in May
 - o Learning to felt boiled wool
 - o Students wrote poems about Covid feelings, and felt wall will portray these feelings.
 - o Will be looking for parents to help sew together

Community Outreach: Mia Morrison

- Thank you to everyone for coat drive—great items donated
- LEGO replay
 - o Recycling legos

International Fair: Margaret Cantrell

- Saturday June 4 in PM
- InternationalFair2022@gmail.com, 202-445-5533

Spring Clubs: Verinda Fike

- Winter clubs, great selection
- Mask mandate rescinded from EM in error—EM will follow BES mask guidelines
- Chess, Pottery, and other oldies and goodies. NEW: debate and drama
- Send ideas/requests to Verinda

MCCPTA Update: Melissa Waite and David Hecht

- Recap of MCCPTA letter regarding COVID mitigation recommendations
 - o Letter was ultimately rescinded due to decline of COVID incidence
- BES parent survey regarding the MCCPTA
 - o Majority of parents did not want the letter sent
 - Wanted to prioritize in person learning, while supporting virtual option for higher risk individuals
 - Highest priority concern is continued learning loss and mental/emotional stresses on children
 - o Those parents that supported the MCCPTA letter prioritized safety of children and families
- Reminder that MCCPTA is only one avenue for advocacy. You are welcome to advocate through whatever avenues you would like.

Curriculum Update:

- Jodi L. summarized the recent Gifted committee meetings about math and ELA pathways in an email sent out last week
- Vanessa
 - o Twice exceptional meeting to be held March 23.

Upcoming Events: May Fair 5/13, Book Fair (5/12-17)

Adjourn Meeting

Susan motion to adjourn, Marget seconded. All in favor at 9:04PM.