

## Bishop School PTO Meeting Agenda

Date: March 9, 2016

Location: Bishop School Library

7 – 9 p.m.

### Minutes

- Welcome remarks and introduction by Rosemary Foster. Others present include Jean Clark, Jen Badua, Katherine Reisz-Hanson, Aly Lydon (teacher rep), Elena Jacubiak, Greg Christiana, Laura Fuller, Skye Stewart, Shannon Knuth, Heather Breslau, Melina Salerno, Jenna Saudette, Emily Kaban, and Amy Speare. Mark McAneny unable to attend.
- Review and Approval of Minutes from February Meeting: Rosemary Foster made motion to approve, Jen Badua seconded, all approved.
- Principal's Update - Mark McAneny wasn't present so Rosemary Foster read his prepared remarks. PARCC preparations continue, he is excited for Aladdin Play and upcoming Bishop School Pride week. This year's Pride week theme will be "regard". The in-school play presentation will be 3/17 @ 1:40-2pm - 20 minutes showcase of play highlights.
- Teacher's Update (Aly Lydon) - Teachers are busy with report cards. Grades closed last week and cards to come home next Monday week. New format is challenging because the narrative section is only 140 characters per subject area rather than a full paragraph for each kids. No conferences after these cards, unless parents want to meet. PARCC 4<sup>th</sup> grade no longer has long-comp section. Again Bishop is doing an online version as a pilot for town.
- Bishop Enrollment Group (Greg Christiana) (PowerPoint presentation.) Greg is a software engineer at Google, admittedly no education background. But has been thrown headfirst into the Arlington Education system. Only 19 classrooms at new Thompson as compared to 21 at the Hardy School. East Arlington to be hit by enrollment increases. Greg has taken the McKibben projections and graphically applied it to relatively acceptable classroom sizes. No build scenario. Middle school options currently on the table are expand Ottoson or retake Gibbs and make a town wide 6<sup>th</sup> grade or make another 6-8 middle school. Decision on whether to retake the Gibbs needs to be made by June 30<sup>th</sup> so as to notify tenants. Superintendent Bodie's position seems to be to retake the Gibbs as quickly as possible and then break ground in one year. That would mean earliest the Gibbs could be available would be the Fall 2018. Parity is a major concern among all decision makers. Engineers doing feasibility studies of Gibbs retrofit and OMS expansion. This info to be available to school and town officials by end of April before Town Meeting.  
If parents want to be involved – Bishop Enrollment Group  
<https://sites.google.com/site/bishopenrollmentgroup/get-involved>
- Announcements/Reminders:
  - Science Night Recap (Rosemary Foster) – Science Night was a great success. Shout out to Aly Lydon for 5<sup>th</sup> grade help. 95 students participated and received achievement certificates. Great addition this year to have high school science students involved and they genuinely enjoyed themselves.
  - Bishop School Pride Week (Rosemary Foster) – same model as last year, week before play and using Aladdin theme incorporated into events. Buckets in the classroom to collect

change and make a donation to the Arlington Senior Center.

- Electronics Recycling event/Bishop School Garden and Grounds Clean-Up (Heather Breslau) - April 30<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade event. Parent volunteers needed. Community event and fundraiser. Also a used goods drop-off date. Signup genius to be sent around.
- Staff Appreciation Week (Katherine Reisz-Hanson) – thanks to the parents who made the last minute plea for classroom lunch coverage on Election Day. Teacher appreciation week changed to Staff appreciation week, name change to better encompass all of school staff. Lots of great events planned for the week of April 11-15<sup>th</sup>. April 13<sup>th</sup> Spring Concert will be held and on that morning a potluck breakfast for teachers. Chalk messages will be separated and moved to the actual week of national teacher appreciation week in first weekend of May.
- Bishop Bear Fair (Laura Fuller) – Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> Laura is beginning planning committees for the event. More info in Mark's newsletter. The used goods sale is large component so when doing spring cleaning please think to donate to school. Prize table. More info [laura.fuller3@gmail.com](mailto:laura.fuller3@gmail.com)
- Shannon Knuth fundraising update - \$186 raised from box tops, upcoming Cause and Event road race, \$15 from every registration fee will go to the PTO and Fit Girls will be running.

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

March 14-18, Bishop School Pride Week

March 18-20, Bishop Play--**Aladdin**

April, All Tuesdays, Not Your Average Joe's

April 11-15, Staff Appreciation Week

April 30, Electronics Recycling/Bishop School Garden and Grounds Clean-Up

May 21, Bishop Bear Fair

**NEXT PTO MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13– HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN!**