

**General PTA Meeting
January 29, 2018
6:30-8:00pm**

6:35-6:40 **Board Welcome and Introductions:**

- 19 attendees signed in, all board members in attendance

6:40-6:45 **Minutes from November 27, 2017 meeting approved**

6:45-6:55 **Treasurer's Report** (Collins Grossman)

- Jogathon exceeded goal by \$3936.79
- Wreath sales were \$1700 below goal
- Chinook Books were \$70 below goal
- Giving Campaign meeting was held last week, dates to be determined, but the goal is to begin in early March.
 - Looking beyond this year, the Giving Campaign will try to organize an annual kick-off event, to begin this year.
 - The Bagley Buzz will include a "PTA Supports" section leading up and throughout the Giving Campaign to raise awareness of fundraising aims, and to publicize how PTA funds are used.

*Parent question: Why are fundraising goals static while enrollment increases? How can we measure 100% participation?

- Kids are encouraged to turn in "I (heart) Bagley" signs as a measure of participation, in addition to pledge forms. The classroom with the most signs turned in will win a pizza party. We use this activity as an opportunity to educate kids about what the PTA supports. Fundraising goals are revisited every year when the budget is developed.

- Donations received through PayPal include fees - per a parent in attendance, we may be able to change the PayPal settings to include an option for paying the fees, which would allow the PTA to receive the full donation.

6:55-7:00 **Volunteer Coordinator's Report** (Emily Ryan)

- Emily asks that current volunteers consider whether they want to continue in their current job or take on a different one, and asks that we spread the word and suggest potential volunteers

7:00-7:15 **Principal's Update** (Carla Holmes)

- Thank You to all Volunteers!
- Safety Updates
 - Lighting has been installed on the south side of the building
 - Fencing improvement is in progress: covering for existing fence and additional fencing is being added currently. Funds for these improvements were found without impacting our building budget, but the source of the funds is not clear

*Parent question: "Will the fence be higher?"

- Yes, but we don't yet know the timeline

- "Find it/Fix it" app has been helpful regarding problems, such as dumped furniture, on school grounds

*Parent question: "Will the playground be open during non-school hours?"

- Ms Holmes will check with security, but for now, the playground will be closed at night and on weekends

- Black Lives Matter in Schools
 - School Community Assembly scheduled for February 5th
 - Lessons in classrooms February 5-9
 - The District has provided links to resources for the classroom lessons
 - The District is encouraging BLM t-shirts, pins, etc. on Monday 2/5 at the district level, but Bagley will be focusing on Friday 2/9, after kids have had a week to put it all in context with the assembly and lessons throughout the week.
 - The District is emailing a letter to parents, and Carla will be sending one as well
 - The Race & Equity committee, chaired by Nicole Silver, meets year-round

- Luis Ortega will be speaking at the March assembly
- "Work on diversity and culturally responsive teaching is not just one week or one month – this is ongoing work."

7:15-7:25 **BLT Update** (Brooke Graham-Doyle)

- Explanation of BLT (Building Leadership Team): Includes staff, teachers, administrators and parents. The BLT role has differed among schools, but the district is clarifying for consistency, and had a 2-day meeting in January to train BLT leaders. BLT is focused on budget, Professional Development planning, Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP)
- BLT has completed a document for parents explaining the Montessori and Contemporary programs. This was included in Kindergarten tour packets, and will be put on the website, with an attachment in the Bagley Buzz

7:25-7:35 **What does a school counselor do?** (Jenny Walther-Brooks)

- Jenny works as a .5 counselor at Salmon Bay. Her work includes working in classrooms, in small groups, one-on one with students in crisis

*Question: "How common are counselors in elementary schools?"

- Most schools have them – approximately 10 do not. Schools with higher Free/Reduced lunch populations receive federal funds for counselors and PTAs provide funds as well.

*Question: "What is the difference between Emergency v. Emotional support?"

-It depends on school population. Students can self-refer for support, families can reach out, and counselors examine data for interventions.

- Bargaining is happening for contract inclusion for counselors, as exists in most districts, including Shoreline
- Bagley is missing "Tier 2" support, so we don't have a counselor. We currently have crisis services through the District, the PTA provides an Emergency Support Fund, and staff shares roles as needed.
- We would like to have a counselor, partially to support our RULER Program. 3rd 4th and 5th grade student focus groups have asked for smaller RULER groups, which a counselor or coach could facilitate.
- Cost for a full-time counselor is about \$80,000, a Social/Emotional Coach is about \$70,000
- Sacajawea has a .2 (one day/week) counselor, and it's been very helpful there

*Question: "Would this role replace something PTA-supported, or be additional?"

- It would be additional. We don't have positions that we can afford to lose.

- Carla will be breaking down the budget to explain specifics for the Giving Campaign

7:35-7:45 **Fundraising Overview and Event Calendar** (Carol Swales/Ashlee Nelson)

- Giving Campaign: dates are not firm, but will be near St. Patrick's Day
- Read-a-thon: will begin in late spring, we are trying 99 Pledges as a donation platform, there will be sponsors and a read-in day at school
- Parent Education night with Rosetta Lee January 30th
 - Parent Ed topics of interest (via survey): Sex Ed (gender, etc), Middle School, Parenting questions and support
- Kindergarten tours – February 7th
 - Request for clarity re: Kindergarten tours: communication should be more clear that tours are adults only
- Bike Rodea – May 12th
- Art Walk – May 18th, with Book Fair that week as well

7:45-7:50 **Questions, Comments, Announcements, Closing**

- Discussion of communication glitches – people not receiving the Buzz, not on the v-list despite requesting to be added, feeling of disconnection among new parents
 - Parent suggestions: email directly from school or room parent?
 - The school and teachers are not legally allowed to share parent email with Room Parents without their explicit permission. Parents who have signed up with My School Anywhere can opt to include email addresses.
 - The PTA communicates via the Bagley Buzz, which is emailed weekly to all parents whose email is in the school database. This is our main avenue for reaching everyone in the school. We also post information on Facebook, and send home fundraising pledge sheets/info in kids' backpacks.
 - Principal Holmes has access to all emails, but saves that access for the most crucial communications.
 - Room Parent roles are not consistent. Can they be clarified?
 - We plan to have an in-person meeting with Room Parents early in the school year for 2018-2019. However, classroom teachers ultimately decide what duties and access will be available to Room Parents.
- Can the PTA host issue-specific events, such as fund-raising for a counselor?
 - Fundraising is for the overall budget, but parents can weigh in on budget priorities via the Budget Survey.
- Would parent attendance at School Board meetings be helpful in bringing attention to the issue of counselors in all schools?
 - Yes! Parents who consistently attend and speak up at School Board meetings are far more likely to have their concerns addressed.
- What is the future of Advanced Learning at Bagley?
 - For literacy, differentiation happens within the classroom
 - For math, the Contemporary program offers Walk to Math, where students learn math in the next grade level. The Montessori program differentiates within the classroom.
 - There is no current plan for 6th grade math for next year. 6th grade math is managed year-by-year, as it is essentially an un-funded program
 - Approximately 10-12% of Bagley students are in advanced learning

UPCOMING CLASS MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

- March 7th 6:30p (Filep, Green, Hoyer, Stackhouse)
- March 26th 6:00p (Cole, Messom, Lipsen, Stone)
- April 25th 6:30p (Schultz, Steele, Perez)
- May 21 – 6p (Vonderlage, Outhouse, Norton, Tamara)

PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE February 2nd 8am

**Next General PTA Meeting
March 26th, 6:30pm**