

September 18, 2019, 6:00 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Linwood Hudson

In Attendance

Executive Board Members

- Linwood Hudson, President
- Nichols Marsden, Vice President
- Robin Sanborn, Treasurer

Guests

- Amanda Weidner, BMS Principal
- Karen Jones, Teacher Rep

Members

- Jennifer Jones, parent
- Kristy Hudson, parent

Review of August Minutes

Linwood Hudson, President, circulated a copy of our August minutes for review. Robin moved to accept minutes, Linwood second-ed the motion, motion approved and minutes were accepted.

Treasurer Report

Robin reviewed the financial statement from the prior month. The bill for spring ice cream came in, Robin requested they be booked to discretionary fund so as not to impact in-year Bruin Time budget. Karen Jones moved to accept, Robin second-ed, motion approved.

Principal Update

Ms. Weidner provided an update on general school news, including:

- All BMS teams are now competing, except for swim will start soon
- Clubs are meeting 2-3 days a week, with many students in attendance
- Student Health Screening is next week, see volunteer sign up sent out by PTO to assist
- First 9 weeks is more than ½ way complete

Teacher Update

Karen Jones provided an update from the staff, including:

- Nurse Ginny will be giving flu shots at the end of the month
- Thanksgiving baskets & Mont County Christmas Store food drives start in Oct/Nov. Robin noted that the PTO does have money set aside to assist with these if needed

Teacher Requests

Ms Weidner brought forward several teacher requests that have been turned in as part of the Teacher Wish List request, outlined below:

- English and Reading have requested Scholastic Newsletter to use in class and during enrichment. Cost is \$10/student. Total cost for the two classes is \$415
- 7th Grade English (7B) has requested a number of magazine subscriptions for SSR (sustained silent reading) as it's good non-fiction material. Subscriptions range from \$10-32 per magazine, total request is \$420.
- Mrs Parker (6-8th grade) would like to replace a camera. Cost is \$250 and will be used in both her photography class and the TSA photo competition
- 7th Grade Science – Two sets of 10 science kits to service all students. \$160 total request.
- 7th Grade US History – Two teachers requesting conference attendance for Virtual Reality education. \$185 per teacher.

-7th Grade (Jessica Ratcliff) – set of balls for outdoor breaks to organize physical activity and breaks during the day. \$101.

-(No Form) The group discussed funding Hygiene Packs for students, similar to Micah's Backpack, but would include things like Shampoo, Soap, Toothbrush/paste, Feminine products. PTO will put together proposal and estimated funded needed. All in attendance were in favor of this idea.

The group decided to go ahead and fund these items since the total is less than the PTO portion of the Teacher Wish List fund (exception is Teacher Conference which Linwood requested we take out of separate budget). We will include them on the letter we send home to parents on this program to kick off what's already in the works. Mrs Weidner will continue to accept Teacher Requests through September 30th.

PTO Business

-T-shirt orders will go through Oct 31st, and order forms will be included in the 1st 9 weeks report card.

-6th Grade Open Gym will be Oct 16th, and will be combined with our October PTO meeting in the cafeteria.

-The PTO is still working on a 7th Grade event, proposed mid-winter. An Open Gym may be a good option for this as well. Ideally, we'd like to find a 7th grade parent to chair.

-The Staff Birthday Gifts are underway, with all cards July 1-September 20 delivered this week. Deliveries will now continue on a current basis every 1-2 weeks.

-Mike Whaley (location restaurant owner) would like to be more involved with the PTO and Teacher Appreciation events. Linwood will reach out to discuss how we can partner.

-Ice Cream during Bruin Time is planned for Oct 11th, PTO would also like to do a coffee cart on this day for teachers
-We need to look at ice cream costs to see why they have increased? Kristy asked if the unused/returned ice cream had been deducted?

-Fall Teacher Luncheon planned for Oct 31

-Jersey Mikes Dine to Donate will be on Nov 21

-Next Meeting Oct 16th during 6th Grade Open Gym

Meeting adjourned.