



Minutes – December 18, 2023

PTA president Christina Yazbek called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Quorum met with 11 members logged on at 7:23 PM. Tonilyn Riccardi- 1st V.P., Diana Armandi-Treasurer and Mrs. Kimball-Principal, were in attendance. Christina Minetto- 2nd V.P. and Johana Tedesco- Secretary were absent.

Secretary's Report (given by Christina Yazbek)

- 11 members logged on. Quorum met.
- Communication Methods: Remind: Text @bostipta to the number 81010, Facebook: Bosti PTA group, Gmail: bostipta@gmail.com & Website: bostipta.org.
- Mrs. Kimball emailed the November minutes, budget, and agenda to the membership. No discussion took place; proceeded with vote. 8 ayes, 0 nays. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Diana Armandi)

- Current balance in bank account is \$19, 925.29.

Fundraisers:

- White Post sale: brought in \$2,061, paid them their cut=\$1,527.50, profit= \$533.50
- Comedy night: brought in \$589, paid out \$250.01, profit= \$338.99
- Greeting cards (cards for a cause): collected \$660, paid them \$374, profit= \$286
- Gift card sale (Raiserright): collected \$5,451.45, paid them their share \$5,167.88, profit \$283.57

Revenue:

- McDonald's profit check received \$500.00.

Expenses:

- Spent \$44.53 on copy paper.
- We spent \$993.20 on winter wishes for the classroom presents.
- Spent \$449.03 on staff appreciation (Olive Garden donated for 50 people & the PTA supplied the additional). We also purchased a giveaway for staff appreciation this year.
- Cultural arts- paid for circus \$1,033.65 (we had a credit of \$6,191.10 & circus has fulfilled that credit).
- Membership is ongoing. This is not the final # but we currently collected for 187 members; \$1,870, paid \$756 in dues and have a profit of \$1,114.
- Holiday fair - numbers not in yet.

President's Report (Christina Yazbek)

- The district wide Wizards Fundraiser flyers have gone out. The Wizards are challenging the Connetquot staff in a basketball game at the high school on Wednesday, Feb 28th @ 7pm. Bosti is forming a cheerleading squad. Get your tickets now! They are also in need of volunteers. Let us know if you'd like to get involved.
- Gift of Reading was today. Thank you to Shannon Myers and all the volunteers that helped out today. The children chose a book and bookmark to bring home courtesy of the PTA.
- Winter Wishes is Wednesday where Frosty and Santa will make an appearance to bring indoor toys to every classroom. Thanks to Diana for shopping and wrapping everything.

- Olive Garden Treat was on Dec 4th. They donated food for 50 people and the PTA supplied the rest of the staff. Everyone loved it!

Report of Standing Committees

- **Membership:** Currently we have 187 members. Our goal is 216 members for the year. Membership is ongoing, not too late to join.
- **Cultural Arts:** Still working on booking programs for all the grades. Circus has completed their program. The fifth graders performed for the whole school during the day and for their families for an evening performance.

1st Vice President's Report (Tonilyn Riccardi)

- Food Drive ended Nov 17th. Fifth grade won the no homework night having collected the most food, 168 items.
- Holiday Fair was on Dec 5th and 6th. We also had an evening fair this year where Santa and Frosty stopped by. Thank you to Diana and Nicole McNulty for running the fair and to all the volunteers for helping out. Thank you to Ms. Ritter and her volunteers for making the background scenes for our character meets.
- Family Fun Night is coming up on Jan 5th from 6:30-8:30pm. Pizza, prizes & fun! Only 180 tickets available.

2nd Vice President's Report (given by Christian Yazbek)

- Spirit apparel pick up was tonight from 4-4:30pm at Bosti. Thank you to Audra Malone for running it. Remember if you ordered from the first sale, we advise you dispute the charge to get your money back. We apologize for the inconvenience.
- Our Greeting Card Sale ended Nov 13th. We sold just over 20 boxes. All orders were distributed.

Principal's Report (Mrs. Kimball)

- Circus week was successful.
- Star Lab (mobile planetarium) visited. Students got to experience the new, bigger planetarium and participate in age appropriate astrology presentations.
- We have a new digital PA system. The announcements are louder and clearer. Classrooms can control the volume. The display shows text and flashes lights. Music can also be piped in through the system.
- The Winter Concert is Wednesday, Dec. 20th at OBMS.
- On Thursday, December 21st, grades K-2 will search Bosti for the Gingerbread Man. Grades 3-5 will go on a technology based scavenger hunt.
- Report Cards will be on the parent portal December 22nd.
- The 2024-25 budget is currently being worked on.
- A letter about state testing (grades 3-5) went out with a tear off. Please return the tear off if you haven't done so.
- The Student Leadership Committee met 11/28 and discussed the menu including adding gluten free options.
- Indoor recess is held in the atrium dependent on availability of aides to supervise. Tag and Touch Football are not allowed. Those games present an issue with kids getting hurt.

Report of Informative Committees

- **Board of Education Report** - Mrs. Kimball reported that many students were recognized in sports. CTA for mental health task force was discussed regarding the mental health crisis.
- **Co-Council Report:** none
- **Site Based Management Team Meeting (Mrs. Kimball)** met 11/29 @ 8:35 AM. Team discussed the new PA system, circus, holiday concert, holiday spirit week, creating Bosti Community partnerships and new student learning goals.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Announcements

- Holiday Spirit Week– December 18th – 22nd
 - “ Monday – Winter Wonderland (wear blue/white)
 - “ Tuesday – Holiday Headwear (wear a favorite holiday hat/headband)
 - “ Wednesday – Festive Feet (wear your favorite holiday socks)
 - “ Thursday – Ugly Sweater (wear your ugliest holiday sweater/shirt)
 - “ Friday – Long Winter’s Nap (wear your holiday pajamas)
- Winter Wishes – December 20th
- SBMT Meeting – December 20th at 8:35 AM
- PreK Polar Express – December 22nd
- Winter Recess – no school December 25th – January 1st
- Family Fun Night– January 5th

Next Virtual PTA Meeting – Monday, January 22nd at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM with 10 people logged on.