

MINUTES

Black Rock School SGC

1/19/22 | 5:30 pm Meeting called to order by Steve Cassidy

In Attendance (15)

Steve Cassidy, Cindy Avery, Jennifer Bryan, Christopher Geist, Mandi Jennings, Zoe Siciliano-Kenney, Bahati Walker, Christina Bell,

Approval of minutes

Approval from December 2021

Agenda #1 Principal Report

- There are a few new clubs, Volleyball, Creative writing.
- The state has switched from contact tracing and towards rapid response, getting tests. Prevention is key.
- Visit from a reading consultant who did training. New K-3 reading initiative.
- Spirit week is next week. Run by JNHS. Kids pay \$1 for dressing down all week.

Agenda #2 Summary of SGC role relative to BRS - Cindy Avery

- Gather resources to enhance education for students and staff. Creation of a master calendar. Fundraise for those initiatives.
- If the school was to go in a direction, such as technology driven curriculum. The SGC would be advisors.

Agenda #3 Progress Report

Overview of Teacher Survey results.

3rd grade History - Spanish history Pilgrims, Martin Luther King JR, Women's History, Earth day, Asian American History.

Science - Matter- Solid, Gas, LifeCycle, Environment, the 5 Senses,

4th grade science- Utilizing membership to "Mystery Science". Just finished a Roller Coaster unit. Being used even in lower grades.

Mr Cassidy will be sending out on Friday email to see if any teachers need a Scholastic News subscriptions. Potentially we can fund next years subscriptions.

Book Fair - Week of April 4th - Erin Buckley will be running the fair. A small committee will work at the fair. Setting up E Wallet. Students only.

- Cindy reached out to Phil Blagys and Robert Foley. Foley (BR History Project) has offered 20 minute presentation about Caleb Brewster and/ or a BR history tour of gardens, Bartram house, school house etc. Alerted us to some web sites for further historical CT information. Cindy will be the conduit for Robert to schedule.
- Fairfield museum has a fee to visit but it can be waved if teachers want to go to check it out.
- Phil Blagys - He can come in February to talk about the history of the lighthouse.
- Mind Escape would like to work with us on a fundraiser (Not Fri or Sat). They have 2 rooms. Up to 20 people per 1.5 hours can attend. Current rate is \$24 per person, he suggested a 50/50 cut. Possibly do a Sunday. 5th grade and up or adult teams. Maybe a teacher team, parent teams etc. Maybe do a voucher for a drink at Blind Rhino or BRYAC . Need a committee to run it.
- Stop n shop has ended A Plus program,. We will not be participating in their food bank program.
- Donors Choose email. 5 Projects were put up and 4 still need to be funded. We will include this on future emails.
- Mr Payne would like to have us start fundraiser for Natures Classroom. He will get back to us with a figure. Just for 5th grade.

Fundraising Goal and Plan (PAC & Events)

- \$4,000 goal for this year (before Natures Classroom) . Next years goals will be determined later. Reading and Math are well funded and science and history are technology concentrated. We would like to establish an annual fund. Focus this year will be PAC getting the information together for next year to start.
- Cindy will reach out to BRCC for as wider community list.
- Goal is to get a calendar together for the web site to inform teachers. Students, etc.
- Christine reached out to Hands on Pottery. **Enrichment choice** - (they are booked until spring) after school \$22/ student/ class - 1-5 grade with siblings. Min of 10 kids, max of 20\$. That is at the school. **School event** - 1 night Afterschool \$22 per painter, could charge extra for fundraiser. **Kits to go** at HOP.ct and they drop off kits and returned back to school. \$29/ kit. Covid safe. Maybe PAC could do this event.
- CT post has not returned call in regards to field trip.
- Should there be a tie in for a literacy event to the book fair? Contests? Ms Sicliano Kennedy has volunteered to discuss further.

Adjourned 6:33 pm
