Booth Hill School PTO General Meeting
January 8, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

In Person / Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Sam Cook, Jess Myers, Victoria Shea, Jessica Zervos, Tony Persaud, Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Grabarz, Ms. Testani, Georgina Matsikas, Emily Chapman, Nicole Silveira, Jess Callahan, Monica Kelly, Mae Meade, Melissa Fraiolo, Mary Rose Dymond, Natalia M.

1. President's Report – Sam Cook
    a. Thank you Georgina for the Merry Market. It was so fun watching the kids shop.
    b. Thank you Melissa Gordich and Executive Board for putting together the teachers luncheon. Thank you to Melissa and Jess for setting that up.
    c. Thank you to Heather Alves for the breakfast with Santa, and thank you to Tony and the dad club for the set up and the pancake making.
    d. Thank you to Domenica and Liz for the Vendor Fair.
    e. Thank you Jess Bonstell for coordinating with the room, parents and all the class parties.
    f. Thank you to everyone who donated to the toy drive and thank you Tony for setting this up.
    g. Thank you to everyone who came to the PTO dinner it was a lot of fun.

2. Treasurer's Report – Jess Myers, Victoria Shea
    a. $56,062.09 + $1,549.15 + $4,440.61 = $62,051.85
    b. $28,000 is ear marked for outdoor classroom.

3. Principle's Report – Mrs. Marks
    a. Thank you to all the parents for all your dedication through the month of December.
    b. Thank you for attending the concert and the class parties.
    c. Look ahead at next year school calendar December break will be long again.
    d. Please try to plan your family vacations with school vacations. Attendance is important.
    e. School wide testing has started. It measures academic growth.
    f. January 17th is an early dismissal day, it is a teacher training day.

g. Lost and Found is growing. I am going to post a video of the items with a deadline. After that deadline, the items will be donated. Please label everything.
h. February is a big month.
i. Hundredth day of school will take place. Cereal box Domino's, we are collecting regular sized cereal boxes (new).
j. Only the regular boxes fall properly, they will be donated after.
k. PTO laser light show will be that month.
l. Classroom parties will be held on February 13th as there is no school on the 14th.

4. Teacher's Report – Mrs. Grabarz, Ms. Testani
    a. Thank you always for everything.
    b. Please label your child's clothing.
    c. Thank you to everyone for the class parties.
    d. When bringing in treats, please take into consideration class allergies.
    e. Cold weather is upon us, hats and gloves should come to school.

5. Community Outreach – Tony Persaud
    a. Bridgeport Hospital was so thankful for the amount of donations. Thank you to everyone who helped make that happen.

6. Outdoor Classroom – Tony Persaud
    a. The slab is projected to be poured end of March/April. Exact date is TBD just waiting for it to be warmer.

7. Dad's Club – Tony Persaud
    a. Thank you for all your help at the breakfast with Santa.
    b. There will be a basketball game Saturday. If you have any shoes you would like to donate. They are going to go to local children in need.

8. Islander's Game – Tony Persaud

a. January 17th at 7pm.
b. 50 tickets sold so far. Goal is 200 For children to perform on the ice.
c. You don't have to be a BHS student to attend, spread the word.

9. After School Programs - Tony Persaud
    a. Pick up is always in the front at 5 o'clock.
    b. Step-by-step did not work out. We apologize for any inconvenience. Refunds will be coming back to the parents.

10. Gala – Jenn Caruso
    a. Tickets are still for sale. We have almost 100 tickets sold so far.
    b. The deadline for tickets is January 17Th. This is a hard deadline as the venue needs the count.
    c. Sponsorships and donations are due by January 10Th.

11. Blast Off Dance – Jessica Callahan, Nancy Alves
    a. We are aiming for the date of April 26Th.
    b. This dance is for current Booth Hill families only.
    c. More information to come.

12. General Comments/Questions
    a. Restaurant night will begin on January 20th at Chipotle. There will be another grade wars coming up. Thank you Belinda for setting all this up.
    b. Looking ahead JA in a day will be held on April 28Th.

Meeting adjourned – 7:32 p.m.