



Belmont PTA Meeting Agenda

2/5/19, 7:00pm



25 in attendance

Meeting called to order

Approved January Minutes (see attached)

Principal's Report

- Report cards going home on February 6th
- No school February 18th
- February 14th are the Valentine's Day parties at 2:30 pm – parent brought up trying to limit candy/sugar at these parties
- Sherwood cluster meeting was held on January 6th and discussed:
 - o Class size
 - o Programming resources, ESOL, etc.
 - o Safety & security
 - o Q & A
- Security vestibule has been moved to a "to be determined" date
- Schoolstore.com is not a PTA fundraiser and was not intended to be a fundraiser, was intended to be just like Giant Rewards, etc. where if you were purchasing items regularly the school would receive money, full extent of this and what would be sent home was not fully known by the school and was not the intention
- Grief – thank you for all of the support
 - o Anyone can come see the counselor or Mr. Pinkowitz
 - o There's a Good Grief club run by Caring Matters facilitator and Ms. Padilla that is a 7 week program once in the fall and once now
 - o The staff is given resources, Caring Matters comes to the train staff
 - o There are 3 grief camps locally, Tim from Bar-T does the Camp Erin weekend in May and is a Caring Matters facilitator

Committee Updates

- Rainbow Dash: May 19th, the kids will vote on the name, either Belmont Blaze or Bolt at a town hall meeting
- Restaurant Nights: California Tortilla made \$350 and the next one is at Panera on February 25th from 6:00 – 9:00 pm

- MLK Night: some highlights from the night, coat drive raised 35 coats, DC diaper drive raised more than 1,000 diapers, 180 pairs of socks and \$230 donations to Olney Health
- Movie Night: Mr. Tim (Bar-T) said event was on April 26th and they will be showing Beauty and the Beast
- Spelling Bee: Postponed
- Walking Club: have walked over 1,000 miles year-to-date; need more volunteers
- Science Fair: keeping the \$5 registration fee
- Belmont's Got Talent: theme is "oldies but goodies", guidelines to be sent out and then the Google form will be due the 1st Monday in March, show is on May 4th

Treasurer's Report – voted and approved by all 25 attendees for \$100 to be added to the budget for supplies for Walking Club

Guest Speaker: Our School Counselor, Mrs. Padilla – Joking vs. Teasing vs. Bullying

- Joking: a fun thing you do with your friends, it's back and forth, it's not intended to be mean, harmless way, meant to make people laugh, stopped when someone feels upset
- Teasing: mean-spirited, meant to cause someone to hurt, gossip, rumors, verbal or non-verbal, usually only done once
- Bullying: stronger child hurts a less powerful child, aren't equals, it's intentional, on purpose to hurt or harm, repetitive, one-sided, physical, verbal, relational, or cyber
- Does activity with 4th graders reading the book Just Kidding and then sorting through scenarios to determine which category they fall into and discuss joking circles

Book Raffle

Meeting adjourned

Upcoming PTA events:

February 22 – Bingo Night; Friday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Rosa Parks MS

March 5 – PTA Meeting; Tuesday, 7:00 pm

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