



PTO MEETING NOTES

Basswood PTO General Meeting #1

Thursday, September 14, 2017

21 in attendance

Basswood Fun Run

- Date set for Friday, September 29th
- This year's theme is 'Bulldog Battle'
 - New hosts – the Miller's (2 children attending Basswood)
 - Ninja warrior influence
 - Fun ways to move/exercise – so much more than running laps around the field
- Overall Goal is to raise \$50,000 over the next few weeks
 - Incentive #1 – \$5,000 - no homework weekend
 - Incentive #2 – \$15,000 - Principal Smith and Asst. Principal Schwartz will dress up in costume.
 - Incentive #3 - \$35,000 - popcorn party in the classrooms
- Volunteers - looking for about 20 volunteers per time slot
 - Sign up Genius is up and running
 - Kindergarten 9am – 9:45am
 - 1st Grade & 4-Star – 9:45am – 10:30am
 - 3rd Grade – 10:30am – 11:15am
 - 2nd Grade – 11:15am – 12:00pm
 - 4th Grade – 1:30pm – 2:15pm
 - 5th Grade: 2:15pm – 3:00pm

Turkey Bingo

- Date is set for Friday, November 10th
- This is a Basswood Community building event – not a fundraiser.
- There will be fun kids games, legos, and turkeys to be won.
- Food will be available for purchase.

Zupa's Night Out

- Date is tentative for December 5, 2017
- All purchases at Zupa's between the time set (typically 5pm-7pm) will have a percentage of sales come back to Basswood. Guests will need to say to the cashier that you are from Basswood to earn the credits.

State of the School – update from Principal Smith

- Enrollment this 2017/2018 school year for K-5 is at 1,078 students. The 4-star program adds to this total.
- The projected enrollment for this year was at 1,034 students (44 kids over the estimated numbers)
- For the 2016/2017 school year, enrollment was at 1,010 students (up 68 students from last year)
- Each grade level has 170+ kids
- No open enrollment at Basswood. Hard closed 3-1/2 years ago (which means no sibling preference, no staff preference, etc...)
- Enrollment challenge– currently there is a study in progress to address the large enrollment numbers of students in the District (including Basswood)

- The Enrollment Capacity Task Force has been reviewing several options including (but not limited to):
 - Build a new school – location option is near Mama G’s – near the intersection of County Rd 30 and 101
 - Add space to existing schools/remodeling to existing schools
 - Meaning “right size” the space. i.e., modify classrooms used for Kindergarten to be Kindergarten specific; add suitable rooms for flex space, Special Ed, etc....
 - Move boundaries around (who goes to what school could change).
 - Recommendations will be brought to the District Board on October 10th
Meetings are public.
- Looking a little closer at Basswood’s story –
 - 65% capacity is ideal, because it allows for adequate space for classrooms as well as other programming.
 - 92% is current state capacity.
 - For this 2017/2018 school year, Principal Smith and the staff had to get creative with space. A room change was made to accommodate the large number of Kindergarten students enrolled. The computer lab was modified and converted into a Kindergarten classroom. Lots of helping hands, the room was done within about 3 hours.
 - MCA & MAP testing will be performed on iPads this year. Trial was done last year and it went very well. An alternative option is to put together a testing lab at that time in the year.

Math Curriculum

- Bridges Math Curriculum is being piloted District wide. Five classrooms at Basswood are participating. Everyday Mathematics will not be represented/piloted at Basswood this year. New math styles encourage a different way of thinking. More concept based. The current curriculum at Basswood is Houghton Mifflin (Math Expressions).

PBIS Rewards

- More info will be shared at the next PTO General Meeting.
- Classrooms are no longer handing out the red slips or gold coins. Instead, points are given electronically via PBIS Rewards. Info was sent home with students on how to download the app to view daily points.
- The store opens on Friday, September 15th. Students can ‘purchase’ items with their points earned.
 - Parent volunteers are needed to help with the store.
 - Store items will include less trinkets and more experience based items such as: sitting at the luxury lunch table, sit in the teachers chair, dance party, extra recess, etc..
- This system was purchased by the school building budget. It was about \$3,000 total.

Treasurer’s Report

- Income
 - Donations during the summer - \$835—thank you!
 - Spiritwear sales - \$720
 - Amazon Smile - \$140
 - Fun Run on September 29th. Please support our biggest fundraiser of the year!
- Disbursements
 - Bu\$ter Buck\$ money available!
- Projects
 - Media Center Remodel – \$36,940 spent to date of \$40,000 budget

Funding Request (Lesli Skarphol)

- Reviewed what was spent last year 2017/2018 for the media center/library remodel. Approximately \$40,000 - thanks to the donations throughout the year!
 - Remodel included: new furniture: sofas, table, chairs. New built-in cabinets to store the teachers guided reading books, countertops, book bins. Space was painted. TV was purchased. The space is now a lot more functional and the kids love it!
- NEW request to replace the circulation desk - \$4,593.08
 - Bid came in at \$3,800 + shipping, etc – total amount requested is \$4,593.08
 - Goals for the new circulation desk include
 - ADA compliance (wheelchair accessible)
 - Allow for (2) self service checkout stations
 - Storage for library supplies
 - Privacy for ESP's workstation
 - Update aesthetics
- Motion was made and approved by those present at the PTO Meeting to support the funding request up to \$4,593.08
 - Details of the motion: Spend up to \$4,600 on the desk remodel *pending review of the original project receipts from last year and pending the Fun Run earning \$40,000 or more.*