**Booth Hill School PTA General Meeting Minutes**

**2/15/2017 at 7:00pm; Media Center, Booth Hill School**

**Attendance:** Heather Barnett, Kim Shake, Dana Pierce, Nina Merkin, Joanna Giamei-Cerniglia, Katie Miller-Creagh, Lara Walden, Emily Voss, Lisa Commisky

**Proceedings:**

* Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Lisa Commisky.
* **President’s Report:** presented by Lisa Commisky.

-ANO will be held on 3/24 with food, drink, and comedy.

-On 3/1, there will be a BOE meeting. Dana Pierce and Lara Walden offered an update on the budget and the state impact.

-Flexible seating was discussed, focusing on the need for parity across the grades. PTA would like to contribute funds. Dana Pierce will get an inventory by class. A 1:1 balance will force classroom configurations to change. There was further discussion of BOE vs. PTA funding.

-The bylaws need rewriting. Mandatory changes need to be made and rewriting will need the help of the board and will be voted on.

-There are still open board and chair positions.

* **Principal’s Update:** presented by Dana Pierce, Principal of BHS.

-There was an update on space allocation. Certain proposals did not work. TLC will continue to share with music (in the existing TLC space).

-The 2nd grade is currently at 70 and Kindergarten has 70 incoming students estimated. These numbers will affect the number of classrooms used per grade.

-Mr. Pierce and Mrs. Lemoine will inventory and determine storage needs for music and draft a letter to the BOE and TLC.

-3rd Grade opinion writing will have students focus on a theme that is personal to them

-It was also discussed why K-5 students should use Go Noodle. It was suggested that students need an audience and should read their essays at a PTA meeting.

* **Teacher Representative Updates:** presented by Nina Merkin.

-Teachers thanked the PTA for the Holiday Luncheon.

-Faculty supports the ANO and will offer silent auction items.

* **Committee Reports:**

-ASE has 161 students registered with only 1 complaint thus far. They used new software to automate the registration.

-Membership has 178 families registered and 26 teachers. It was discussed how membership could be increased. A possible family fundraiser was suggested.

-Box Tops is offering a gift card incentive for the month of February.

-PTSA would like to use Google Drive for all PTA documents. There will be a plan of work to come.

-The Book Fair will offer a 25% teacher discount and teacher wish lists.

* **Additional Comments:**

-Earth Day was discussed with such ideas as planting trees, a bottle drive with a winning class, bird feeders, etc. Should there be a contest? How can the Student Council be involved?

-School Supplies were also discussed with such questions as how can the supplies be distributed easily and what do the teachers like most.

* Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.