**BOSTON HARBOR PTA**

**General Membership Meeting**

**February 8, 2017**

1.Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at the Boston Harbor School at 6:08 pm by PTA co-President, Emily Waugh, who provided a brief welcome and introductions. A quorum was present. Officers present: Becky Goad, Emily Waugh, Betty Erdahl, Heidi Olmstead, Helen Shapely, and Nicole Lockwood. Absent Officer: Tracie O’Brien, Refer to sign—in sheet for meeting attendance.

2. Secretary’s Report –secretary, Heidi Olmstead provided a secretary report. The January minutes were presented on the bulletin board for consideration. No corrections noted.

3. Presidents’ Report– Emily Waugh reported that the PTA will not be sponsoring a school play. We made some great strides investigating play companies, costs, logistics, and budget. The play for the 17-18 Academic Year will be considered in April at the budget meeting. All are invited to attend. Anyone who is interested in being on the Think Big committee is welcome to attend a meeting at the school library on February 16 at 5:30 (contact Emily Waugh for more information). Becky Goad gave an update on the Art School for Kids project, the interest has been overwhelming success. The committee is narrowing in on some more promising projects that we could fund. BHS Rainiers Game will be May 7. No discussion needed.

4. Treasurer’s Report- Report presented by Betty Erdahl. She provided updates on the budget year to date and January only. Nothing unusual to report this month other than there was a late posted expense from the Halloween Carnival. We collected a little more in membership dues. No discussion needed.

5. Fundraising Report – Nicole Lockwood provided a summary of past and future fundraising efforts. Box Tops fundraiser runs through the end of next week, this is the last collection of the year – we are looking for items for both the silent and live auctions, contact Nicole Lockwood for more information. We have a date (March 18), venue (the Heritage Room), caterer, and theme: rustic glam.

6. Principal’s Report– Mrs. Brotherton – February 11 kindergarten event at Capital High School from 10-11:30. Tech Fair competition will also be on that day from 10 to 3pm. May 2 is the kindergarten orientation. February theme is Kindness Matters. Reminding students about how important thoughtfulness and the little things are to who we are at Boston Harbor School. Track Stars format has changed to an index card holder system. Luau has been delayed for one week (February 17). Pizza with the Principal has been extremely popular, Mrs. Brotherton would like to have funding this part of the Bear Paw Program to be considered Shannon Hinchcliffe made a motion to reallocate $250 from the 4/5 split to the Bear Paw Program. Lenna Lizberg seconded. There was some discussion and then a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Committee Reports–

7.1 Eric Olmstead did not attend to provide a report. Mrs. Brotherton gave a brief report that the students are having a great time in the garden and getting ready for spring.

7.2 Becky Goad gave an update on the Rainier’s Game is confirmed for May 7. Tickets will go on sale soon. Rhubarb will visit the school on April 17.

7.4 No Teacher Appreciation Report was provided.

7.5 Angela Harmeier gave a report and reminder about the yearbook and need for yearbook pictures soon.

8.1 Unfinished Business – there was no unfinished business to discuss. Nicole Lockwood made a motion to have Maggie Dunlap, Lenna Lizberg, and Rochelle Potter serve as the PTA Nominating Committee – Shannon Hinchcliffe seconded. The membership voted, and they were approved.

8.2 Spanish - Betty Erdahl gave information on bringing FLY (Foreign Language for Youth) we need let them know by early February if we plan to do it next year. Their program costs about $400 for the year (40 – 40-minute classes). Betty provided literature from FLY and there was a good discussion around this topic; several parents of prospective kindergarteners indicated that they would also be interested. More info to come home in Harbor Highlights soon.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Nominating Committee – the nominating committee is gearing up to fill several spots on the PTA board for the 2017-2018 academic year.

9.2 The Budget Committee is tentatively scheduled for April, members can contact the PTA Presidents if they are interested in serving on this one-time committee.

9.2 Reader Board – Emily Waugh provided a teaser that a there might be a way to fund this project outside the of the Think Big Program. More details to come.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.