**BOSTON HARBOR PTA**

**General Membership Meeting**

**November 8, 2017**

1. Welcome and Introductions. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at the Boston Harbor School at 6:04 pm by PTA co-President, Emily Waugh, who provided a brief welcome. A quorum was present. Officers present: Becky Goad, Emily Waugh, Heidi Olmstead, Lenna Lizberg and Nicole Lockwood. Absent Officers: Maggie Dunlap, and Rochelle Potter. Refer to sign—in sheet for meeting attendance.

2. Secretary’s Report (October)–secretary, Heidi Olmstead provided a secretary report. No corrections noted in October’s minutes.

3. Grant Requests– two requests were presented to the PTA membership for review. There is a faculty/staff grant line-item in the PTA budget. The grants that are presented at the meeting will be posted on the PTA bulletin board for the general membership to review and will be voted on at the January, 2018 meeting.

3.1 Mrs. Womer – the school Librarian made grant request to purchase some or all of the 12 Battle of the Books a.ka. BOB (10 copies of each book) for the fourth and fifth grade classes. She is asking for some or all of the money needed to purchase the books. She is also holding a book fair at Barnes and Noble on November 12from noon to 4pm. Donations can also been made to the PTA, and have funds marked for the BOB fundraiser. There was some discussion and questions from the membership.

3.2 Mrs. Cole – a preschool teacher is asking for a subscription to www.brainpopjr.com for $100.

4.0 Presidents’ Report – the report was provided by PTA co-President, Emily Waugh, it was noted that this is our last meeting of 2017 as there is no membership meeting for the month of December.

4.1 A voting delegates for the WSPTA was sent from BHSPTA.

4.1.1 Joanne Snarski’s report was provided by Emily Waugh.

4.2 Emily Waugh provided a progress update on the WSPTA checklist. The PTA is making great progress on this project.

4.3 Parent Volunteers for Recess – the PTA and school are seeking volunteers all school recesses (2:30 – 2:45pm) on Tuesdays and Thursdays to play parachute games and do running club, a.k.a “Track Stars.” Volunteers are needed for logistics and for helping to run the games and work with the children. Interested parents, grandparents, or school volunteers should contact the co-Presidents for more information and to sign up.

5.0 Treasurer’s Report- Emily Waugh presented a report of PTA finances as Maggie Dunlap was attending a mandatory PTA training. There has been more movement in the budget since our last report. The PTA assembly was sponsored to a member.

5.1 The Halloween Carnival is still not settled. We have had several deposits for membership dues, we currently have about 111 members in the BHS PTA.

6. Membership/activities Report –Lenna gave a report of membership activities Bingo in January, we are looking forward to a Sock Hop and Science Night and a Year End Celebration.

7. Communications Report – Sage provided the Communications Report – continue to like, comment & share on Facebook (this is our main way to communicate with the membership). We are averaging between 600 and 900. The most popular photo was of a Halloween Planning Committee which got over 900 views. The bulletin board where folks can share what they are thankful for in the school lobby can will also be accessible through the Facebook page soon. Members were invited to share community events that are family friendly for consideration as a Facebook post.

8. Fundraising Report – Nicole Lockwood provided a summary of the fall fundraisers.

8.1 BoxTops contest was a really great, 5th Grade won the contest, each child received 5 free tickets to the Carnival.

8.2Meconi’s Nite has been rescheduled until spring, there is no event on November 16, more details to come.

9. Principal’s Report– Mrs. Brotherton provided a report from the Principal’s Office. She shared a printout of the school’s calendar. Tomorrow there will be a Veterans’ Day Assembly. Next Friday morning the PTA will help to fund a prescreening of the film, Wonder for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders on the morning of the 17th of November. The Bear Paw Assembly will be on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Real Food Assembly on the 8th of December. Mrs. Brotherton shared her commitment to bringing as many fun and educational assemblies to the students as possible this year.

10.0 Committee Reports–

 10.1 All School Play – a report on the progress of this endearing event was provided by Emily Waugh.

 10.1.1 Play participation- there was an overwhelming and positive response to the play, we have 40 children participating, while 15 remain on the waitlist (they will be given priority for the next school play).

**10.1.2 (a) Rehearsals** for the play are happening afterschool, Mondays through Thursday. **(b) Performances** will take place of Friday November 17 at 2pm and again at 7pm, all are invited to attend either performance.

**10.2 Directory** – the BHSPTA sponsored school directory has been completed and was sent home as a PDF attached to Harbor Highlights on November 3. Print copies will be available at a later date.

**10.3 Garden Club** – No report was provided by the Garden Club Committee

**10.4 Kids Gift Bazaar** – Angela Harmeier provided an overview of the annual gift giving bazaar which will take place on December 14. It will no longer be a fundraiser, instead, Angela will use the money earned at the Bazaar to purchase gifts that are in short supply but high demand. Boxes, gift bags, tape, and tissue paper are appreciated donations, we don’t need wrapping paper this year.

**10.5 Giving Tree** – forms went home in backpacks this week. The school counselor is coding the gift requests to keep things private. Families that need help providing Christmas to their children. Then the community will be able to purchase gifts for families. More to come.

**10.6 Halloween Carnival Recap**- a recap of the event was provided by co-chairs Becky Goad and Heidi Olmstead. Mrs. Brotherton added that it was the biggest carnival (in terms of attendance) in years. A great time was had by all.

**10.7** Teacher Appreciation – an update was provided by Pricilla Powers. The November Teacher Appreciation activity will be a soup lunch. Volunteers will bring crockpots of soup and rolls on Monday, November 13. The December teacher appreciation activity will be cookie plates, so dust off your best cookie recipe if you would like to participate.

11.0 Unfinished Business – there was no unfinished business.

12.0 New Business

12.1 Update from Boston Harbor Association. Shoreline management project- and the zoning which affects almost all of Boston Harbor. The neighborhood association invites PTA members to join forces and get involved in this community engagement program.

13.0 Superintendent Patrick Murphy from the Olympia School District was a guest at the meeting. He is taking time to meet with each of the PTAs and PTOs in the district. He provided an overview of the current state of Olympia School District regarding student achievement. He also provided his plan for this school year. 1. Emphasis on early learning 2. Emotional and mental health support for students. 3. Closing achievement gaps. 4. Focuses the plan through the lens of equity. He also shared a recently approved ballot measure for a new technology and safety levy which will go before voters for renewal on the February 13, 2018 Special Election ballot. He provided copies to the membership on the levy.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40