

NORTH BEVERLY PTO MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2016

- **President's Report - Matt Riordan**
 - o We had another successful Boofest, Thank you to everyone who came to help out with set up, clean up and during the event. Thank you to everyone who made donations for the raffle baskets, raffle items as well as food donations
 - o Change is Simple - Mr. Belmonte Change is Simple was founded by 2 Beverly Alumni who continue to reside in Beverly
 - o It was launched in 2010 at N. Beverly Elementary for grades 3-5
 - o CiS inspires elementary students to adopt lifelong environmental and social responsibility through comprehensive environmental science and sustainability curriculum.
 - o CiS transforms classrooms into construction zones and ecosystems and students into engineers and scientists.
 - o They teach children the science and sustainability of things we use each day.
 - o Funding is huge for CiS and they are always looking for donations and sponsors
 - o last year we funded \$1200 for Change is Simple
 - o We would like to donate another \$1200 to them again this year.
 - o We voted and all agreed to give \$1200 to Change is Simple
 - o **Fashion of Change** event is this Saturday night 11/5/16 at Cell Signaling
 - o It's a big fundraiser and there may be some tickets still available
 - o Check the website to see if there are any additional ticket
 - o www.changeissimple.org
- **Treasurer Report - Matt Riordan**
 - o We made less money this year than last year, but we lowered the cost of game tickets, we cut the cost of games in half from 2 tickets to 1 ticket and we gave out 10 tickets to each person who volunteered their time
 - o This year we made \$4552 and last year we made \$5200
- **VP Reports - Fundraising Report - Kaarin Robinson and Sarah Mckenna**
 - o Direct Donation letters are going home in backpack mail next week.

- o The paperwork will outline everything we spend money on through the PTO throughout the year. This way people will know how we spend our money.
- o We are giving people 2 weeks to make donations
- o We will accept cash, check or online donations through PayPal
- o We aren't doing any other fall fundraiser this year so please push the direct donations

- **Community Outreach - Kristine Murray** wasn't able to make the meeting, but she sent notes.
 - o We collected 478 lbs of food at BooFest for Beverly Bootstraps. Thank you to everyone who donated.
 - o This fall Mrs. Brown and the teachers are working on different ways to teach kindness to students
 - o #StarsRKind is the new hashtag for NorthBeverly's Kindness Campaign
 - o During the Nov. 18th morning meeting we are hoping to bring in some firefighters, police and EMTs so the kids can thank them. They are hoping kids will make signs and cards for the people in our community who do so much for us
 - o More to come on the Kindness Campaign
 - o All ideas are welcome
 - o Please contact Kristine Murray if you want to get involved or have any ideas to share with her.

- **Enrichment Coordinator - Robyn and Natalie** couldn't make it to the meeting, so they sent in notes.
 - o Kindergarten ~ 11/30 Turtles Wetland Quest with Blanding the turtle who is in search of a new, safe wetland habitat.
 - o Third Grade ~ 11/22 - Plymouth Plantation. Early American Settlers come visit the classroom and teach the students all about early American life.
 - o Fourth Grade ~ 11/4 - Animal Adaptations Museum of Science. In this presentation, students expand their understanding of biological adaptations by observing both skulls and live animals. They see up to three live animals from different groups, place the animals in their correct classes and learn about specific adaptations each has developed. Students will then take part in a hands-on activity in which they become scientists and examine skulls to determine who the animal adapted.

- **Citywide PTO update - Amy Crafton & Sharron Anderson**
 - o Election day ~ We are looking for a volunteer to pick up and drop off a Beverly Bootstraps sign and Bin for the food drive.
 - o Someone will pick up the donations at some point during the day, but we just need someone to get the sign and bin before the election and someone to return it after the election with any additional donations they may have missed when they came to pick up the food.
 - o Nov 5th and 6th there is a Free Art Show at the Crane Estate
 - o The 7th Community forum series will be about Elementary class sizes as well as the Classroom today vs the Classroom in the 90's
 - o 11/5 is the Electronics recycling drop off
 - o Sunday, 11/6 is the Pete Frates Road Race

 - o Our school Nurse needs donation ~ she is looking for plastic water bottles (Poland springs)
 - o She is also looking for a volunteer to pass out fluoride on Friday mornings.
 - o She is also looking for a volunteer to help out with the 2nd grade pedestrian safety program. It is OK to bring siblings if you wish to volunteer to help out with this program. Any parent can volunteer you don't have to have a 2nd grader in the school.

- **Room Parent Support - Karen Kingston**
 - o Room Parents have been assigned for all of the classrooms
 - o It took some time to recruit parents for a few classrooms
 - o The room parents will be collecting money for teacher gifts over the next few weeks.
 - o Donations requested will be \$15 for 1 teacher \$15 and \$20 for classrooms with more than 1 teacher.

- **School Committee Report** - there is a school committee meeting tonight, so there were no Committee Members present at our PTO meeting.
 - o Chris Silverstein sent a text
 - o There is a Forum @ 7pm on Monday 11/7 at Beverly High School and they are looking for people to attend
 - o It will be about classroom sizes in elementary schools
 - o Mrs. Brown added that North Beverly has approximately 19-22 students per class so classroom size has not been a real issue at our school to date.

- **Principal's Report Mrs. Brown**
 - She commented on the Kindness Project
 - 5th graders did some skits during morning meeting to show some examples of kindness and they did a great job.
 - The teachers will be focusing on the Kindness Project throughout the year
 - "How do we help each other be our best selves"
 - World Kindness day is on 11/13 and the school will be doing something on that day it is just unknown at this time what that will exactly be.

- **New Business/Open Floor for Announcements**
 - Amy Crafton decorated the bulletin board, it looks great, thank you!
 - Krisie Brown did a great job getting the directory out! Thank you!
 - Election Day Bake Sale is looking for volunteers and baked goods, store bought goods.
 - Elementary Fun Day is available on Tuesday 11/8 at the High School for parents looking for something for their kids to do on Tuesday. Peer Leaders at the High School run this. Flyers were at the meeting.
 - Family Math and Science Night 11/17 - the theme this year is Forensics and the 5th grade training is underway. FM&S Night will take place on November 17th.

NEXT PTO MEETING IS DECEMBER 1, 2016 AT 7PM IN THE LIBRARY!