

MEETING MINUTES 1/14/25

AGENDA

Welcome

1. Communication

- a. Please submit any feedback or ideas for future events via email!
If there is anything you feel needs to be discussed at the meeting please let us know ahead of time

Board Reports- Jenna Klar and Kristy Mandel

- **Superintendent Rick West visited last meeting**
 - a. Upcoming events with the Superintendent
 - i. 1/22: Snow and Tell, 12-1pm at Booth Center
 - ii. 2/13: Coffee and Chat, 10-11am at Conant
 - iii. RSVP to these at www.bloomfield.org/superintendent
 - b. CARE (connect, acknowledge, respect, engage) program - **CARE Bank to share**
https://bloomfield.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_57trU7R40aCv5A2?Q_CHL=qr
- **Principal's Update** - Michelle Fiebke-Lang
 - a. Thank you for the supplies and support to the staff
 - b. Staff is working hard on new Math Materials that will be used for next year
 - c. Congratulations to Ms. Treva Ferrell, she has left to teach 9th grade English at a Charter school. She will be missed dearly!
 - i. For now volunteers in the school are filling in but many interviews are being done to find a replacement
 - d. Remind will come out for a Spirit day this Friday on the half day- Lions Spirit wear encouraged
 - e. CARE bank- send over positive events
 - f. Recess survey- many are asking for indoor recess

- i. If it is 10 degrees with the windchill or lower we do not go outside
 - ii. This is a district wide policy along all the elementary schools
 - g. Running group- going to get clarification from the district if it will be labeled a club, but more to come on that.
 - h. Student Of the Month
 - i. Working with an advisory team
 - ii. Needing some stickers and a bulletin board to put student faces on it. Bulletin board will be next to the staff shout outs.
 - iii. More to come on this
 - iv. May have special recognition at lunch and prizes which will be funded by PTO
 - v. Students will be chosen based on how they showed/demonstrated PRIDE principles. Teachers can nominate students.
 - vi. Getting posters on what PRIDE looks like at recess, school bus, lunch room etc.
 - 1. Will be needing a volunteer team to help laminate these posters and cut them out
 - vii. Kindergarten Round Up May 9
 - 1. No school for DK and K that day- not on the district calendar yet!
 - viii. 3rd grade musical coming up, 5th grade orchestra
 - ix. Invention Showcase- Mrs. Aurrichio in charge of this
- **Treasurer's Report** - Christy Booth- Not present today so update is being done by Co-Presidents
- **Account Balances**
 - i. **December Bank of America:**
 - 1. Beginning balance: \$52,534.31
 - 2. End balance: \$49,416.85
 - ii. **December Venmo**
 - 1. Beginning balance: \$1,081.97
 - 2. End balance: \$1,139.06
 - iii. **December Incoming Funds**
 - a. PTO Dues: \$100 (4 families this month)

- i. Question by Kelly Wilson: how many families have paid their dues? Answer- will check with Christy Booth
- b. Popcorn sales: \$411.47 (funds go towards One school one book)
- c. Kickbacks (HH, Kroger): \$459.58 (used to purchase clothes for Whitman clothing drive)
- d. Stock the Lounge: \$75.00 donated (4th grade families)
- e. Whitman Clothing Drive Donations from families:\$620.00
 - i. Very successful event and the school was so happy with our support and donations
 - ii. Plan to continue again and maybe do more and involve more schools
 - iii. Principal Fiebke-Lang shared that at her previous school they had a lending pantry and lending closet to keep items stocked for students to come “shop” when they need items. Will be helpful to get students involved for this next year

2. December Outgoing Funds

- a. 3rd Grade Maple Tree Project: (\$442.44)
- b. Class t-shirt (fun run)/Spiritwear: (\$2080)
(cost covered by t-shirt purchases)
- c. PTO Hospitality + Misc: (\$81.32)
- d. Staff Appreciation/Stock the Lounge: (\$371.38)
(November pies -covered by donations)
- e. Staff Stipends (4) from December: (\$600.00)

Event Feedback

Other Business

- 1. **Parents Night Out** – Sam Foon- Not present today for call, update provided by Jenna Klar
 - a. Saturday February 22, 2025 at 7-11pm at Troy Escape

- b. Tickets available on the PTO website (\$65 includes food and a drink ticket):
<https://www.wayptobh.com/event-details/parent-night-out-2025>
- c. Form for any silent auction donations on PTO website- please consider donating items/experiences if you have ANYTHING to offer!
<https://form.jotform.com/243175809621055>

New Business

1. "Spread Some Love" Valentine's Service Project

- a. Great way to tie Valentine's Day with spreading love and kindness throughout the school/community
- b. Room parents will be asked to take the lead and work with classroom teachers to choose and carry out a mini service project (we will provide suggested ideas)
 - i. More information will come to the room parents soon to help facilitate this
- c. Service project sample ideas:
 - i. Make kindness cards for senior citizens
 - ii. Decorate placemats/lunch bags for meals on wheels
 - iii. Thank you notes to police officers/ fire fighters
 - iv. Older students reading to younger students
 - v. School spirit/ kindness posters for the school
 - vi. Other ideas?
 - 1. Fleece and Thank You- making fleece blankets
- d. Proposal to provide each classroom up to \$60 to support the teachers in their mini-service project
 - i. Motion to approve the proposal to approve up to \$60/classroom for this project endeavor
 - 1. Approved by Zeena Al-Rufaie and Chandler Yatooma
- e. Question: do the Service Dogs need help with fundraising?
 - i. The grant that helped purchase the service dogs has been depleted. The school will need to come up with funds to help sustain this project. Estimated to cost at least \$15,000 to maintain. Will need to find fundraising sources going forward to help this initiative going.

2. Bagels With Your Valentine

- a. Friday, February 14 @ 8:30-9:00 in the cafeteria

b. Fliers and bagel pre-order forms coming home soon

3. Valentine's Day Classroom Parties

a. These are at the discretion of the teachers, please reach out to your teacher/room parent for information about this

4. Way Running Group

a. Still working out the details- more information to come for any interested students!

- i. Not the Girls on the Run, this is a separate running group
- ii. Jen Jovanis working with Christy Booth on this initiative - still a work in progress- open to all students how to have fun with running, spreading the love of running and letting students be a part of something that is not an organized sport. Ideally would be 1st-5th grade but not decided for sure yet.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

1. Lunch and recess help

a. Sign ups through February are in the newsletter

2. Stock the Lounge

- a. This month is **3rd Grade** turn to help stock the lounge
- b. You can donate items via sign up genius or donate money via Venmo. The link below will have links on how to donate
- c. <https://www.wayptobh.com/stock-the-lounge>

Meeting Adjourned 8:40pm

{Post Meeting Discussion:

1.) Author visit- Zeena has been contacted by a former BHS alumna who has written a book and wants to come to do an author event. PTO presidents will forward the email to Principal Fiebke-Lang who will also loop in Cindy Zervos on this endeavor.}