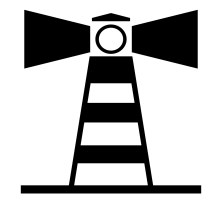
**Team Bates PTO**

*“No one can do everything, but everyone can do something”*

**Team Bates Meeting Minutes**

October 11th, 2018 at 7:00pm Location: Bates Media Center

* **Opening and welcome**:
  + Introductions *(5 minutes)*
    - *New intros*
* **Principal Update**: Ryan Bruder *(10 minutes)*
  + Construction Update
    - Grainger will have a hard date for move in by next week
    - Bid process for playground equipment was positive – we were able to get more for our money than anticipated (2 structures, swings, omni spinner, basketball hoops, houses)
    - School board charged Bruder/McCalla/Timmis with making a plan for naming the new school – they will ask the staff at each school whether they want to keep current name or change and also whether they want to name the overall structure that the two schools will be under. If they have 80% staff voting for each option, that is what will move forward as the recommendation. Otherwise it will be opened to the public.
  + Transition plan is in the works – both physical and emotional support.
  + Legacy Fund proposal
    - Playground enhancement – Musical Garden
      * Wylie has it and likes it
      * May not be the best for younger kids
      * Could foster music engagement
      * Good for kids that don’t like traditional climbing equipment
      * Needs shade
      * Has anyone asked the music teachers?
    - Larger shade?
    - Outdoor class with tree stump seats that we do ourselves – Grainger version is cost prohibitive
    - Gaga ball pit?
      * Can be built by volunteers for cheaper
  + **VOTE** to approve
    - **Issue was tabled to solicit further ideas and vote once we have moved to new school**
* **Bates Blast**: Julie Olesko, Emily Johnson, Sandhya Johnson *(10 minutes)*
  + To date, we have raised $21,931
  + Donations will be accepted through Friday next week
  + 75.3% of students have registered
* **Movie Night**: Jennifer Sharp, Kevin McClain *(10 minutes)*
  + November 16th at 5:30 with Movie at 6
  + Streaming in both the cafeteria and the gym
  + Survey out to parents will give them options
  + Incredibles 2 might not be age appropriate
  + Options on parent voting sheet will be Hotel Transylvania 2, Cars 3, and Ferdinand
  + Pizza, water, and applesauce to purchase. Free popcorn.
* **Grants**: Kimberly Marinelli *(10 minutes)*
  + Previous grant reciepts turned in subtracted from the budget
  + **VOTE** on current grant applications
    - **No new submissions so no vote**
* **Current volunteer opportunities**: Nina Plasencia *(2 minutes)*
  + Bates Blast – October 12th times between 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  + Watch D.O.G.S. – ongoing
  + Therapaws – Mondays from 1:00 -2:00 p.m. ongoing
  + Stock the Teachers’ Lounge – coming soon!
  + Movie Night – coming soon!
* **Chair Updates:** *(2 minutes)*
  + Book Fair – Julie Evanchek, Patty Evans - December 3 - 7
  + Box Tops – Caroline Ashenfelter
    - Steadman is leading
    - Board will be going up to show tracking
  + Fundraising (Busch’s My Way, Dine to Donate) – Alicia Jensen
    - Add MyWay if you haven’t
    - Aubrees fundraiser raised about $150
    - Kalahari info forthcoming – need to talk to Michelle for info from last year
  + Staff Appreciation – Nicole Cochran
    - Stock the Lounge is coming
    - November we will bring in lunch one day
  + Webmaster – Casey Liska
  + Yearbook – Ashley Hopkins, Brittney McClain
    - Aerial photo went well
    - We can buy them until Feb 1
* **Open Discussion**: Introduce Mara Greatorex, BOE candidate
  + One of three candidates
  + Not an incumbent
  + Former Cornerstone PTA leader
  + Two kids in Dexter schools
  + Focused on communication with parents in the district and sports and academics receiving equal funding, attention, focus, etc.
* **Next Meeting**: Thursday, November 15th