

Blake PTO Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2019

Attendees:

Blake Middle School:

- Nat Vaughn, Principal

PTO Board

- Co-President Jeannetter Hasapidis
- Co-President Mary Kelly Narwocki
- Vice President Heidi Lusby
- Treasurer Elizabeth Behrman
- Secretary Melissa Clancy

Principal's Report

Nat Vaughn

- Progress Reports go home on Friday
- Natures Classroom is next week
- Teacher Evaluation System, revised rubrics
- Middle school population is low right now, will increase and planning for the future of Blake at the school board level is in process
- Christine Power new Director of Instruction, will be looking for feedback on standards base report cards.
- Discussed grant request for Colby Swettberg, creating a safe learning environment. The grant will impact students, teachers and community members. Blake grant is just one of many being requested to cover the full cost of the program.

President's Report:

Jeannette Hasapidis

- Discussed the Annual Blake Appeal versus organizing a fundraising event
 - The board agreed to use the same Blake Appeal format as the past few years and bypass a fundraiser event
- Discussed suggestions for raising money for field trip scholarships
 - Possible fundraiser -recycling shoe program; Jeannette to look further into this and report back to Nat
 - School dance, mini-marathon, cluster contests: ideas for the 8th grade student council to raise funds for this cause
 - Board agreed these events for scholarship fundraising is separate from PTO funded events and will back away so as to not cause confusion.

Vice President's Report

Heidi Lusby

- Still looking for hospitality helper
- Nat would be happy to send an email out

Treasurer's Report

Elizabeth Behrman

- Bank account is still In transition to Needham Bank
- \$32,220 transferred Rockland to Needham
- \$150 worth of donations has come in since the last PTO meeting
- Touched base with last years treasurer, position transition complete

Funding Requests

New Grants Discussed at the Meeting:

- Wing Master Bird presentation (7th Grade) \$925 requested by Brian Gavaghan. Approved.
- Rosalba Solis Visit (All Spanish Classes) requested by Heather Gonzalez \$900. Approved.
- Fostering a Safe Learning Environment- Colby Swettberg requested by Nat Vaughn \$2,000. Approved, conditioned that the funding requests of other committees are also approved.
 - Post meeting note: all committees approved the grant requests so Blake's will also go through as approved.