

Bates PTA December 2020 Minutes

18 people in attendance. Attendance list can be found at the end.

Minutes from November 2020 reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Update

- \$7100 balance
- Fundraiser money not yet deposited
 - \$545, Believe Kids; prizes for top 3 sellers! Milla Danek, MacKenna Crites, Abigail Gorzkowski
 - \$625, Wreaths Across America. 125 wreaths sold
 - Numbers not yet in for the Spirit Wear
- New requests for funding
 - Barb Hoyt, EDR program. Approved last year, not used. Request renewed for this year.

































Principal's Report

- Lessons learned: teachers have figured out Google Classroom. No platform switch until next year.
- Classes are short, teachers were focused on content. Now working on engagement for all students. Working with various tools and techniques to improve on that.
- Student climate committees have been really helpful (7th and 8th). 6th hasn't met yet, but is scheduled.
 - Kids turn on cameras more when they feel rapport with teacher. Not too concerned with cameras in general.
 - Some classes have more camera engagement than others; some times of day are better than others.
- Potential for kids to return to school in February, but nothing is certain.
- Food Pantry is active (update from Amy Beller).
 - Bags are being packed by volunteers.
 - Kids can earn National Junior Honor Society points doing this.
 - Accepting donations of food, needs listed in the Chronicle. Treats for kids also welcome, along with basic toiletries like toothbrushes, etc.
- More Chromebooks have arrived. It's not clear that it will be enough, but 400-500 are supposed to become available (county wide).
- Sara Ford updated us on the school garden.
 - 8 beds, cover crops being grown.
 - Lots of pollinator gardens thriving for butterflies and other natives.
 - A goal is to put in early crops for spring. Soil will be tested to make sure we have good conditions.

- 10 trees are on the way from the Arbor Day Foundation.
- The garden is part of our Green School initiative, along with paper recycling.
- Please send in photos of the students! Yearbook deadline is not too soon, but don't wait.
- Ms. Beller mentioned Screenagers Pt 3, plans to reschedule it from last spring to the coming months. A Google Form will be sent to sign up. The topic of the film is teen mental health, which is very timely.
- Bates Blizzard Plungers: the plunge is virtual this year, participants decide how they want to do it. If the students raise \$50, they get a sweatshirt. This benefits the Special Olympics.

Ray F thanked Ms. Hicks and her team for their perseverance and hard work so far this year. Next meeting suggested for Jan 21, 2021. There will be a PBIS discussion from Lisa Heath and Heather Carter.
















Adjourned at 7:37pm

- JF** Jaye Falls (Me)  
-  Ray Feldmann (Host)  
- AB** Amy Beller  
- K** Kandra  
- KH** Katie Hicks  
- S** sandycrosier  
- AK** Amy Kehs  
-  Dawn Davis  
- D** Diane  
- EL** Elaine Lodge  
- J** JC & Jess  
- JW** Jennifer Wright  
- JL** Joanne Linhard  
- LL** Lisa Lyman  
- MB** Marion Brenner  

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Unmute Me

Raise Hand

- JW** Jennifer Wright  
- JL** Joanne Linhard  
- LL** Lisa Lyman  
- MB** Marion Brenner  
-  Martin Egna  
- S** sarakford  
- VS** Victoria Shellem  

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