

## TBS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

October 16, 2019

In attendance: Jen Dufine, Erin LaMadrid, Stephanie Montiminy, Jesse Aguilar, Bill Duffy, Dave Shepard, Kirby Keith, Alex Schwartz

- Bill Duffy - Speaker series went well. Maybe we could have her back in another capacity. Are we still considering the Yard Goats? Do we have dates? Trying to go when Music Adulce (?) The shirts are in process. Hopefully by the end of the month.
- Spirit Wear - The orders have come in. In a meeting with PTO presidents and the superintendent, there was some discussion about pooling all the schools for spirit wear. It would likely be owned by the high school. Needs to be voted on.
- Jess Buckle - The Author this year is Lauren Tarshis who writes the I Survived series. She will do 3 presentations and a discussion with the teachers about writing instructions etc. The Board voted to provide the lunch for the author and the teachers. The date is 1/31 with a snow date is 2/7. The hospitality committee will help with organization of the lunch. Maybe have a table of all of the I survived books at the December book fair. She is going to bring signed book plates for the kids to put in books at home. Will parents be able to come and see it or is this just for students?
- There is almost a finalized book list for the Battle of the Books. The criteria - age appropriate, interesting for both genders, appeal to a wide variety of kids, is it high quality, diverse cultures & events. There were 2 rounds of reading for the teachers to get the best list. How will the payment work? We need to order them soon so that they can be processed. The librarian likes to get them through Follett because they come ready for our system. Maybe she can get a PO and then Dave can cut a check. We are looking to launch by the end of December. The public library also helps provide books for the kids. Please keep the titles under wraps!! The board is invited to the launch. They make book marks with the list of books - could use help with making the book marks. The prizes also come out of the budget. Should there be a grade level battle? We could have a plaque to keep track of who won. Bill thinks we should wait until we get started to see if there is time for a grade level competition.
- Kirby Keith came with a yearbook update. There are 8 kids on the yearbook right now. There is one club parent volunteer and two non-club parent volunteers. There has been a good amount of ordering ahead most likely because of the discount. They would still like people to take pictures at events. We will be getting some free books to donate to kids who need financial support. We also provide books for the library, the TBS office, the superintendent and the Avon Police Department. How do we keep the program going with the turn over of the parents and the kids. Maybe the board should consider

making the yearbook more like the musical activity wise. It is more than a regular after school activity. Board needs to consider whether or not the profits should go toward getting some new computers in the maker space. Should the yearbook be a part of the media enterprise for the school.

- FAME & music - FAME expanded from the high school to the middle school. Is it coming to TBS? There are a number of needs i.e. programs for the concerts. Could the PTO help until FAME shows up. Should we have our own FAME or should the already established FAME just come here? Probably have established FAME come in and help. FAME can run itself - the TBS PTO can help with the introductions. High School FAME can create a TBS liasion. Dawn is going to reach out to Michelle O'Connor who is the head of the high school FAME to get the ball rolling. Have FAME come and talk to the concert.

- Lights on Avon - fundraiser didn't work because it was not advertised. PGS donated. RBS & AMS are still undecided. We have the 3 Fridays to work on this fundraiser. The fundraiser will be in the post.

- There will also be a paragraph in the post about inviting the parents to the meetings. If we need to go in to an executive session we can.

- Book fair dates are Dec. 6 - 13<sup>th</sup> which is during conferences and will run at night. Better dates might be Dec. 2 - Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Maybe do PTO tables during that night? Can the board help on those nights? We would have to do it on the night of the 5<sup>th</sup>.

- Parent night - we are not able to do mini-golf. There is a volunteer who wants to do a Game night as a family night. We are going to have her do it. When would be a good frame? If we can't do it in November then it should be January. Paula Feyerhahn has volunteered to do the parent social. She is in touch with Tracy Gorny to get rolling.

- Parent survey - Beth has it started. 1) Question is about the parent social 2) Family night - what would you like to do? Are there other questions we should be asking? Do we ask about one and done? Are there any physical improvements that you would like to see at the school? Any other questions get them to Alex.