

Bloomsburg Public School

Parent Council Meeting

January 13, 2017

Attendance:

Katie Bartlett, Liz Dreyer, Kate Holwerda, Leryn Pastir, Karen Smith, Victoria LaForme, David Van Laecke

Minutes of November meeting passed, as written and presented.

Staff updates:

- Very successful Christmas Dinner thanks to coordinator Liz Dreyer. Liz has agreed to do the dinner again next year. Liz recognizes the contributions of all volunteers and thanks them. Some have volunteered now for 10 yrs.
- Wonderful Christmas Concert that brought community together: an important tradition at Bloomsburg PS
- Spirit Squad raised about \$420 at Christmas-time and bought gifts for developing countries through organization called Gifts of Hope.
- Volleyball teams competed at tournaments in December
- Staff are preparing students for Basketball tournaments scheduled for February.
- Students will be getting ready for Speech presentations.
- EcoClub continues to be actively involved in putting Bloomsburg PS on the map. Students are receptive to activities that are designed to increase awareness of ecological decision-making. If ecoschool designation is given to Bloomsburg PS, a fountain with refillable water bottle station attached will come to our school.
- Parent Council nametags have been ordered and are now in. To be worn at school events.

Discussion:

- Water bottles: plan – get some, try them, come back to next meeting with information
- Canopy for teacher wish list: expensive through quote from Top Notch. Members to get some quotes for less expensive ones and bring back to next meeting. There must be a way we can put our Bulldog logo on it.
- Bulldog blast – what is the focus of the blast – is it a fundraiser, or is it a community gathering that takes place at the end of the year. Think about and discuss at next meeting.
- At next meeting continue to discuss other ways to support wish list items. (beautification of front gardens by supporting ECO club, raised beds for kinder, Canopy, outdoor learning space, greenhouse, outdoor equipment)
- GRANTS (\$400 application for GEPIC has gone in “Supporting Mathematics at Home”, haven’t heard back yet); PROGrant approved \$600 “Parent Voice”