

Friends Meeting
February 4th, 2016 5:30 PM

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Expo

We made \$123 selling our old GBCS T-shirts.

We handed out Parents' Night Out flyers

Parents' Night Out

- We really need a head count before hand, so we can estimate food, etc.
- Chensy will be working with Ana to place a robocall to let parents know they need to sign up ahead of time, and pay in advance. Reminder robocalls should be made. She offered her phone number as a contact point.
- We are planning to set up sign-up sheets and money envelopes in the foyer.
- Leticia will make a banner for parent sign-up, and we will contact them re money and allergies.
- Lockbox for in advance payments: Dianna will check with Vanessa re locking ballot box to put in the foyer.
- Teachers: Dianna will email the teachers to remind kids / parents. We will leave forms in the mailboxes.
- Volunteers: Dianna will contact the middle school to get volunteers to help out, with the offer of going free and getting fed.
- "Minions" will be the movie. Who has it? Redbox may be the way?

- We still have a screen issue. The wall pads in the gym may not be removable, so we may have to hang sheets for a screen. Dianna will ask George about using a smartboard.
- Victor will need to be contacted for chairs, etc, set-up.
- The menu will be popcorn, juice, pizza. Letitica and Larissa will buy supplies, plus napkins, plates.
- Shall we have music...a mix CD....speakers? Alicia has a sub-woofer. Leticia has a karaoke machine.
- Dianna will do face-painting.
- Re movie legality: Larissa checked with the city clerk, Dan: OK, as long as we are not selling raffles, or giving away prizes, we are good. Still did not directly address movie issues. Larissa will dig deeper.

Walk-a-Thon

- It will be held May 21st...with Saint Peter's Health Fair
- Dianna will contact Diana about the T-shirt art contest, which should be due by April 7th.
- Sponsor letters, etc., will be discussed and updated for distribution at the March 3rd meeting.
- Dianna will hunt up electronic copies of the old forms.
- Larissa will contact Yesenia to get a list of our previous business sponsors.
- Maybe Michelle has a list of sponsors?

Garage Sale

- It will be held April 23rd.
- Last year we made \$540.
- Participants rent a parking spot. We will increase the price this year.
- New Brunswick Today website should be contacted for advertising.
- No food will be allowed, we will have drinks.
- Time frame is 9:00-1 or 2:00, to be decided soon.
- We should refer to it as our "Second Annual".
- Robocalls will be made to parents to advertise it.

Ciclovia

- Sunday, April 24th.
- We were asked to help advertise and drum up support and participation for Ciclovia, because we have been a consistent and strong participant. This was tabled to the next meeting for lack of time.
- We can hand out flyers at the Garage Sale the day before.

Book Fair

- Susan Jackson phoned in to update us on the Book Fair being held on March 7-11th during conference week, from 1:30-7:00 (with maybe an earlier leave on Friday).
- She will send a summary email.
- Our goal this year: \$2500.
- We need volunteer recruitment for parents and students to help out.
- There will be FBI T-shirts (Fathers Being Involved) for volunteers.
- Volunteer jobs: set up, clean up, 1 hour shifts, cashier team.
- Ana will be contacted to robocall and we will use the old volunteer list, and solicit PTO members
- Theme: Feeling Groovy
- Some Fun Day ideas for the week: monochromatic, tie-dye, wacky hair.
- If you attend the BookFair Workshop we get a \$25 credit, It is during day, maybe one day the week of February 8th.
- After School students will be making posters for advertising.
- We need help doing Book Talks, which means going to classrooms, with a script for each grade.
- We may have a Teacher Preview, but there might be set up and take down issues.
- Susan may organize the Classroom Wish List, or buy for the classrooms / teachers after the fact
- We may have a "Spare Change" collection, which Scholastic matches for needy kids. We can spend what we collect on books for us.
- There might be "Grand" events, for grandparents.
- Read Across America, with Dr. Seuss, is the week before, and we need door decoration help for the classrooms.
- We are considering doing the conference raffle tickets, like last year, which are chances to get \$20 worth of books.
- Contact susan.jackson@greaterbrunswick.org if you can help or have questions.
- Proceeds benefit our kids!!

Meeting was adjourned around 7:00.