

Beethoven Ohrenberger School Parent Council Meeting

January 18, 2024, 7pm-8:30pm Zoom

Presidents Opening Remarks

Jessica Reinert

SPC Meeting Norms:

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***Please hold off topic comments until the open forum at the end of the agenda. Thank you.

 Survey was sent via email for by-law committee volunteers, looking for 1 parent from each campus.

Holly Jordan

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

01/18: School Parent Council (SPC) 7pm Join Zoom Meeting:

01/20: Craft Fair 9:30-12 am at the Ohrenberger Campus all grades welcome

01/25: Family Movie Night K-8 at the Ohrenberger Campus

01/29-2/08: Souper Bowl, food drive for Rose's Bounty Food Pantry

February

01/29-2/09: Souper Bowl, food drive for Rose's Bounty Food Pantry

02/02 Uniform Free Friday: Dress like a character in a book day

02/06: Coffee Hour with the Principals at the Ohrenberger 9-10am

2/06: Valentines Day Carnation Sale starts at the Ohrenberger

02/14: Coffee Hour with Ms. Pierre at the Beethoven

02/15: Middle School Dance

02/19-02/23: No School February Vacation

02/28: Ohrenberger Book Fair Starts

02/29:School Site Council (SSC) 6pm

02/29: School Parent Council (SPC) 7pm Join Zoom Meeting

*** Please note date change of SPC Meeting



Guest Speaker:

Mrs. Murphy, Ohrenberger Librarian, talking about the new and exciting website that she created to help our students and families!

- Website can be translated into different languages
- Toolbar or links to navigate the site
- Multiple ways to find your book- Ohrenberger catalog (what is in the actual library) and if
 it is available
- If a book is not in Ohrenberger library- you can go to Boston Public Library to see where it is available, intra-library loaning system if it is there we can borrow from a Boston Public Library branch and it will be delivered via courier
- Sora and Epic have a digital collection of books available to read on a mobile device
- Book recommendations available for each grade level
- Research Tools available by grade level, these are curated databases
- Beethoven parents/children can use the site

Principal's Updates

Mr. Puliafico: Beethoven Campus

- Changed sign in/out policy- IPAD with a google form must be filled out by all
- Manage safety in the parking lot- cars going to fast
- February Core Value Event (Trucking around the country)

Mr. Johnson: Ohrenberger Campus

- Middle school dance on 2/15 6-9 pm for grades 6-8
- Basketball trial for boys/girls
- Starting an Anime Club

Board/Committee Updates:

Kim Bissett VP of Events

• Working on several field trips- will update once complete

Rennetta Brinson VP of Fundraising

• Parents Rock and Dining for dollars- will update once they are finalized



Shana Madjlessi Secretary

State Annual Filing complete for 2024

Rit Kilroy Treasurer

• Reviewed budget and balance in account

Nancy Kingori DELAC

• Unable to give an update on DELAC Meeting due to entry issues for the meeting

Rit Kilroy Julianne Lee Citywide Parent Council

- Rit: Brief update, talked about city budget
- Julianne: unable to attend today, sent a brief update on what CPC is.

Guest Speakers:

Mr. Puliafico & Mr. Johnson: Next year's School budget, and the potential negative effects it can have on both campuses.

- District is working on right sizing itself- trying get it to true number of about 47-48k kids not 50k
- Looking to close classrooms down so that they are full and not funding partial classrooms
- No more weighted student funding
- Projecting 8.8 position being eliminated for next school year, these numbers may be changing
- Cuts were supposed to happen during covid but got delayed
- Direct funding from the district for positions such as nurse, social worker, family liaisons etc.
- Inclusion model for K1 and K2 next year- Beethoven asked for 5 extra positions,1 for K1, 2 for K2, 1 cluster sub, 1 behavior specialist for the building. They allocated 2 positions 1 for K1 and 1 for K2. Ohrenberger asked for 5 ESL teachers for every grade. They allocated 1 ESL for the 7th grade.
- Inclusion conversation and positions will continue conversations with the district

Open Forum

No new items raised at this meeting.



SPC is always in need of volunteers!

Please email:

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