

Bridger School

PTA meeting

Jan, 20, 2021

6:30 pm start time; Adjourned 7:45 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

14 attendees

2 Spanish Interpreters Present

Las actas de las reuniones están disponibles en un idioma traducido de su selección a pedido. Por favor envíe un correo electrónico: board@bridgerpta.org

Action requests in red

Agenda

1. Call to Order, agenda & introductions — Libby and Julia, PTA Presidents

■ Priorities:

- We are an anti-racist organization.
- We exist to empower families.
- We want to provide families with a platform to share their opinions, find resources, and to have the opportunity to shape the experience of our students at Bridger.
- We want to end the pattern of primarily engaging only white privileged families.
- We want to ensure we are giving value to the voices and experiences of our communities of color from how our meetings are structured, to how parents can get involved, to where we put our efforts.

2. Building Report — Melissa Schachner, Principal

- SEGC: proposal was sent to the board this month. They wanted more information about Creston, and to see if there were options to include Creston Middle School in phase I. The SEGC determined the proposal put forward balanced schools in the best way, so the proposal was left as is.
- Enrollment and transfer: Monday meeting (1/25/21) scheduled with neighborhood middle school families (5th, 6th, 7th grade), for the transition to a different middle school. Committed to making sure to talk to each family for a smooth transition. This meeting will be recorded.
- DLI middle school students will be going to Kellogg. Richard Smith, current principal at Lent, will be new principal at Kellogg. Working on a plan to be able to have DLI middle school students meet their new principal.
- Site Council: 4 parent members participate in Site Council for a 2 year term. Currently it only has two parent members. **Looking for two more parents interested in being a part of this leadership team.** Site Council takes input from the community for our school improvement plan. Look at Friday's newsletter for more information.
- Administration is planning a meeting and possibly a tour with Harrison Park Principal.

3. Student Council — Toa, Student Council Member

- So far this year, there have been a couple school spirit days: bring an animal to school day and pajama day. Next spirit day will be wild hat day. The date is still TBD. No pressure to buy anything, be creative with what you have at home.
- The Middle School Student Council's next project will be to interview some elders in the community and write stories based on their lives.

- Elementary School Student Council is working with school counselors to organize for kindness week. Kids will be making posters with kindness, togetherness and social justice messages to put up around the school.
 - Currently working on t-shirt design.
 - Last Middle School project is to organize a list of all the clubs that Bridger is offering this year, so students can know the codes, dates and times.
4. SUN (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods) — Melany Desrochers, Bridger SUN Community School Site Manager
- Up until Dec 31st, there was an eviction moratorium in place that tenants were automatically protected from eviction in the state of Oregon, however that has changed. Now there is a form that the state has put together. This form is required for an eviction moratorium, and needs to be submitted to the landlord prior to any legal action taking place for non-payment. This will protect tenants until July 1st. At that time the tenant has to pay all back rent accumulated from April of last year until July of this year. Form is currently only in English on the Oregon State website.
 - Cares funds have run out. Latino Network has created a google form for Multnomah County residents, where the team will pay up to one month of rent. The google form is in the Wildcat Word. Please reach out to Melany melany@latnet.org for any questions.
5. Do-It-Yourself Weatherization Workshop — Olivia Tym, Community Educator at Community Energy Project.
- Weatherization and energy saving kits are available. You can check on income qualifications, and where you reside to see if you can qualify for free weatherization kits. To receive an Energy Saving Kit from Energy Trust of Oregon, call 866-311-1822
 - PGE offers peak time rebates program you can sign up for through your PGE account. PGE also has a smart thermostat program to help save money. Call 800-235-0578 to see if you qualify.

Don't need to invest lots of money to have efficient energy use. One time changes or regular habit changes can change the course of your bills over time.

Central heating

- Furnace (central heating) - closed loop system. Has thermostat you can set. Suggest daytime/occupied temps at 68 degrees and 60 degrees for sleeping/away.
- Thermostat accuracy is important. Good idea to get thermometer to gauge accurately.
- Oil, gas and electric furnaces need to be maintained and tuned. Oil should be tuned yearly and gas/electric tuned as needed.
- Furnace filters should be changed monthly. Catches dust and debris. Recommend to get a reusable one, which can last for years.
- Cold air return - make sure not blocked by any furniture. Heating vents shouldn't be blocked either, as is a safety hazard.

Zonal Heating

- Separately and individually controlled units to heat up smaller spaces or individual zones. Not meant to heat up whole house at once.
- Keep door closed in room using to help it hold temperature better.
- Don't crank up thermostat, as it is just wasted energy, and doesn't heat faster.
- Good idea to clean every 6 or 12 months.
- Portable space heaters good for heating up small spaces comfortably. However, not always the most efficient.

Water heaters

- Insulate hot and cold water pipes. Foam tubes can be measured, cut and zip tied around those pipes.

Lower Energy Use

- Anything with a block (phone charger or computer battery), if plugged in, is draining electricity from the wall. Unplug when possible if not using.

Draft Stopping

- Common interior air leaks: Doors, ceilings, outlets, plumbing, fireplaces, lighting.
- Backer Rod, a squishy foam, can be shoved into cracks. Can make own out of plastic bags, twisted up, and shoved into cracks where cold air coming in.
- Foam outlet gaskets can be placed in electrical outlets and light switches to help keep it sealed.
- Older single paneled windows: apply rope caulk, along cracks and edges. Plastic sealant traps warm air in.
Doors: weather stripping, Foam tape, V-seal can all be used to help insulate and keep warm air in.

Preventing Mold

- Clean as soon as you find it. Vinegar mixed with water, or hydrogen peroxide diluted with water is best. Bleach and painting not good options.

Community alliance of tenants 503-288-0130. Every tenant has a right to a legal, safe and warm home.

How to get the kit? Fill out virtual form both in English and Spanish. Name, address, family size, and income.

- Can arrange to pick up a kit at the office. Parking and bus accessible. Or have one delivered to Bridger.
- 971-544-8703. energy@CommunityEnergyProject.org
- 2705 E burnside, suite 112-114
- Sign-up forms will also be in the Wildcat Word.
- Other workshops and programs available (attic insulation, solar, work in homes with seniors and people with disabilities). Email or check website for more information and workshops.
- Olivia will be presenting again Feb 10th 4-5 pm during Platica Para Padres. Sign up for this event will be in the Wildcat Word.

6. Bridger Post office

- A plan has been approved by administration. At Thursday pick ups, kids can place orders and drop off letters to classmates.
- Ms Archer coordinating the artwork with each class. Once chosen, they will get printed and delivered to Bridger.
- Students do NOT have to pay for postcards or stamps this year!
- **Need to recruit PTA volunteers to help support and maintain this tradition.** PTA to help sort out postcards students picked out to make sure they get the ones chosen, and then help get them delivered to the correct person. PTA also to potentially pay for postage or do drop offs for those who can't make it to the Thursday pick ups.

7. Other Community Building Events

- Will be sending out a sign-up over email to our Bridger community to see if there are any new families at Bridger that are looking to make a connection with community. Hope to have people partner up and get ideas off the ground.
- Brainstorming list: Loteria/Bingo, trivia night, multicultural cooking or craft night, movie night and other social events. Want to recruit people who would like to plan these events.
 - Melissa has bingo supplies. Melany has loteria boards.
- We have funds in budget for community engagement.
- Email bridger@gmail.com for questions and ideas.

Video: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1STxuGnMRAf2-KLASHBFBYr0qcJd4F-P3/view>

Slides: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1h_tIDPmlDgknm5cp4XYysV1CRoLEJHZpqUyW6Z991Io/edit#slide=id.p

Weatherization kit sign-ups:

Spanish:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPHCUHNjLtAkKs5JA5f3d4AsjU7SAUgsHfLImPQAqEStgIMA/viewform>

English: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQFV-fe7F9ze0liKCcd-ZX8P5pMahG5_1s2kk4GgPhKCymLzg/viewform

Attachments & related documents: inks for PTA presentation, recorded video of meeting, English/Spanish forms for weatherization kits.