

Beethoven-Ohrenberger Parent Council
SY 2019-20

Meeting #2
Date: October 10, 2019
Location: Ohrenberger Library

Agenda Item	Notes	Next Steps/ Follow up needed
Principals' Reports	<p><u>Mr. Puliafico, Beethoven</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Several field trips have already happened including the Whaling Museum and Apple Picking ● Started a new PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) initiative, and also using Second Step curriculum in an effort to build a positive whole school culture ● New core values: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Kind ● Students can earn musical notes as positive reinforcement when showing expected behaviors ● Monthly assemblies will reinforce the expected behaviors and celebrate the musical notes students have earned ● Movie Night was a success. So many students and families came out! <p><u>Mr. Travis, Ohrenberger</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strong attendance at the Open House Nights. Thanks to families for coming out! ● Restorative Justice leadership team continues to support the Restorative Justice efforts across the building; particular focus on mediation and harm circles ● Making Music Matters lessons have started up. Berkeley music lessons have as well. ● Week of Oct 21st - first STEM week for Grades 6-8 through a partnership with i2learning ● Unfortunately two field trips got rained out recently. However, Spectacle Island will be sending some rangers here to the school to work with the students instead. ● Improbable Players assembly occurred recently for grades 7 & 8 and focused on substance abuse 	
School Site Council Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussed goals for this year's work ● Made a plan for electing co-chairs of the SSC 	
Treasurers' Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beethoven: \$8,731.83 ● Ohrenberger: \$3,454.26 	

<p>Leadership Elections</p>	<p>Elections were held. The results are:</p> <p><u>School Site Council</u></p> <p>Beethoven representatives (3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Erin Hannon-Foley ● Mette Arnmark ● Heidi Suskin <p>Beethoven alternate (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ellen King <p>Ohrenberger representative (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jen Boucher <p>Ohrenberger alternate (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kim Bisset <p><u>School Parent Council</u></p> <p>Co-chairs (2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mette Arnmark ● Holly Jordan <p>Treasurers (2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shadin Thomas ● Joseph Tierney <p>Secretary (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jayda Krause 	
<p>Votes Needed</p>	<p>K1 Trailside Museum, \$300 for both classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VOTE PASSED <p>Fun Run fundraiser, \$2000 base cost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Event will be March 11, 2020 ● VOTE PASSED <p>Merge separate Beethoven and Ohrenberger bank accounts into one</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VOTE PASSED 	
<p>Enrichment Updates</p>	<p>Museum of Fine Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MFA can come to the school to run programs ● 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade - Revolutionary War ● 6th grade - Ancient Greece ● 7th and 8th grade - Social Witness ● \$3000 projected budget for all the grades ● VOTE PASSED <p>Museum of Science traveling programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● K2 and 1st grade - Life Cycles ● 6th grade - Star Lab (planetarium) ● 4th grade - Animal Adaptations <p>Boston Tea Party Museum - 3rd grade field trip</p>	<p>Gina is working on a calendar of these events</p>

	<p>Lois Lowry author visit is in the works for 5th grade; in the process of finding out the cost</p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Dave & Busters fundraising programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Power Cards</u>: Students and families can sell power cards to be used at Dave & Busters for games. We can keep 50% of what we sell! ● <u>Spirit Night</u>: Save the Date - January 14, 2020 from 4-8pm. 10% of the sales that night will be donated to the Parent Council. <p>Chipotle Fundraiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tentative Date: Wednesday November 6 ● 33% of proceeds come back to the Parent Council <p>Launch Trampoline Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tentative Date: Friday November 15 from 4-8pm ● 25% back on admission costs <p>Arts and Crafts Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We didn't plan one last year. Let's aim to get it back in the rotation of engagement events. <p>Book Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coming soon to the Ohrenberger - the week of November 11th! <p>Grade Level Socials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A few have planned and/or held their socials (Grade 2 & 3) 	<p>Reach out to the Parent Council if you're interested in helping to coordinate this event.</p> <p>Cathy will reach out soon with a sign-up genius for those who can help.</p> <p>Coordinate a flyer to go home to solicit some parents to help organize the other grade level socials.</p>
<p>Next Meeting - Tuesday November 12 Ohrenberger Library <i>(Not switching back to the Beethoven just yet as this overlaps with the Book Fair Week at the Ohrenberger.)</i></p>		

Meeting #1
Date: September 17, 2019
Location: Beethoven Auditorium

Agenda Item	Notes	Next Steps/ Follow up needed
Welcome/ Norms		
Principals' Reports	<p><u>Mr. Puliafico, Beethoven</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Great start to the school year; students are settling right in ● New partnership with Comprehensive Behavioral Health Model (CBHM). Students are focusing on core values: Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Responsible ● Technological upgrade to the building - 4 new chromebook carts! Nearly all classrooms have their own chromebook cart in their rooms. Teachers will be utilizing technology to enhance lessons. ● Reading assessment is now on the computer (MAP) ● Open House is this Thursday Sept 19 ● If you're interested in going on field trips, a CORI needs to be completed. This can be done online and then show your license/ID to Ms. DeLuca so she can keep a copy on file and finalize the CORI process ● K2's field trip to go apple picking at Tougas Farm is coming up soon in early October ● Movie Night is Thursday October 3rd at 7pm for both school communities. On a large outdoor screen we will play the new Aladdin movie. <p><u>Mr. Travis, Ohrenberger</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shared appreciation for all the ways that parents are part of the Beethoven/Ohrenberger community ● Strong start to the school year; enjoying meeting families at arrival and dismissal ● Elementary School Open House (grades 3-5) was last week. Middle School Open House (grades 6-8) is next Thursday Sept 26. ● Offering parents opportunity to join a Family Listening Session. Parents can sign up tonight to share their interest/availability. Please email Mr. Travis (jtravis@bostonpublicschools.org) if you are interested but weren't able to sign up at tonight's meeting. ● Author Talk coming up on October 3rd for grades 3, 4, and 5. Kyle Lukoff who wrote the children's book <i>When Aidan Became a Brother</i>. It's a story about a 	<p>Google search "Boston Public Schools CORI form" to find the online application</p> <p>Come early and give yourself plenty of time to park and find a great spot on the Ohrenberger lawn.</p> <p>Check out www.kylelukoff.com to learn more about the author.</p>

	<p>transgender boy and his family getting ready to welcome a new baby to the family. This visit is being externally funded and is being coordinated with help from the Ohrenberger librarian.</p>	
School Site Council Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Beethoven spots open; 1 Ohrenberger spot open; 2 alternate positions open (one per school) • You don't need to be a voting member to come to the meetings. SSC meetings are open to all parents. Meetings are the hour before Parent Council meetings. 	<p>Contact any of the following if you're interested in running for a School Site Council position:</p> <p>epuliafico@bostonpublicschools.org itravis@bostonpublicschools.org kpurple@bostonpublicschools.org joseph.tierney@gmail.com shadin.thomas@hotmail.com</p>
Treasurers' Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beethoven: \$11,480.14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Looking to continue to support enrichment and curriculum opportunities • Ohrenberger: \$4,840.69 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some pending items to be paid: Spelling Bee; Movie Night ○ To ensure we have funds for the Making Music Matters program we will likely try a new fundraiser such as a Fun Run Boosterthon • There is a motion to merge the two accounts into one. 	<p>Vote next meeting Oct 10</p>
Subcommittee Updates	<p>Family Engagement Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on how we can better engage the entire school community • Check out the new school website: www.beethovenohrenberger.org. It officially launched at the start of the school year! Thank you, Debbie, for working so hard with the developer to get it up and running. <p>Fundraising Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We utilize a variety of efforts to raise funds for the parent council: bake sales, book fairs, uniform free Fridays, annual adults-only fundraiser event; flower sales around Valentine's Day; etc. • We need parent involvement - many hands make light work! • Michelle has been talking with the Elks club for "Parents Rock" to potentially be May 1st • Box Tops - an app now! Just scan your receipt and the app will take care of figuring out how much your shopping trip earned for the schools. 	<p>Contact Mette Arnmark marnmark@hotmail.com If you're interested in helping this committee</p> <p>Contact Michelle Gruosi doherty_michelle@hotmail.com If you're interested in helping this committee</p> <p>Visit www.boxtops4education.com to download the app and find out more info.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stop and Shop - register your card to earn money for our schools; you can set this up through the app <p>Enrichment Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Focused on finding enrichment opportunities to bring to the students at the schools 	<p>Contact Lisa Geoghegan lmgeoghegan@gmail.com If you're interested in helping this committee</p>
Leadership Opportunities	<p>Next month we'll be electing the following Parent Council leadership roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Two co-chairs ● Two treasurers ● One secretary <p>The co-chair positions are both vacant at this time. The secretary position is also being vacated at the time of the elections. Please consider running for a position!</p>	<p>Please let Keri, Shadin, or Joe know by October 1st if you're interested in adding your name to the ballot for any position: kpurple@bostonpublicschools.org joseph.tierney@gmail.com shadin.thomas@hotmail.com</p>
Upcoming Events	<p>Movie Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● October 3 at the Ohrenberger. We'll be showing the new Aladdin movie, starting at 7pm. ● This event is for both school communities! <p>Winter Outerwear Exchange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A winter outerwear exchange will be set up in each school in October. This is a great chance to clean out your closets and stock up for the coming winter season. <p>Grade Level Socials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Parent Council aims to support a social event for each grade level. These events are great opportunities for children to play and for parents to mingle and get to know each other. ● Grade 2 will be holding their social on Friday September 27 from 3:30-5pm at the Beethoven. The theme is "One Last Luau!" A sign up genius link will be going out soon in search of volunteers to support the event. <p>Bake Sale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Each school holds a bake sale on Election Day in November. The Beethoven is a polling site and holds its bake sale just outside the auditorium. A local church graciously allows us to use their polling site to hold the Ohrenberger bake sale. <p>Book Fairs</p>	<p>Consider donating gently used coats, hats, scarves, mittens that no longer fit your child. And/or stop by to pick out some items to take home for your child in their new size.</p> <p>If you're interested in helping to plan any of the other grade level socials, please reach out to Kristen (trullkristen26@gmail.com) or Keri (kpurple@bostonpublicschools.org). The Parent Council can support funding for these events.</p> <p>So many ways to help! Bake, help sell, contact a bakery to see if they'll donate their day old goods. Email Cathy (cathygware@gmail.com) if you can help coordinate the sale at either school.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year the Beethoven will hold the book fair during the week before Christmas vacation • The Ohrenberger will hold theirs in November <p>Uniform-Free Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Friday of each month students can wear non-uniform clothes. Families can send in a donation for the Parent Council on these Fridays. • Next one is Friday October 4th! <p>Beethoven International Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential date is November 21 	<p>If you can help coordinate the book fair (especially at Beethoven), email Cathy (cathygware@gmail.com).</p> <p>Email Mette if you are interested in helping to coordinate this event marnmark@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Other</p>	<p>Get connected! Consider joining the Parent Council Facebook page and/or the Parent Council Google Group.</p> <p>If you can help with translations, let us know!</p> <p>Next Parent Council meeting is Thursday October 10 in the Ohrenberger Library.</p>	<p>On Facebook, search for “Beethoven Ohrenberger Parent Council” and send a request to join the group.</p> <p>Email Keri to let her know you want to be added to the Google Group for email updates to your inbox. Any email address will work. It does not need to be a gmail account. kpurple@bostonpublicschools.org</p>