**10 February 2020**

General PTO Meeting

**Start time:** 7:02p

**Adjourned time**: 8:05p

**Discussion:**

1. **October General Minutes: Approval**
* Approved by 1. Selma

 2. Brian Sinkoff

1. Next **PTO meeting** on 8th June 2020
2. **Budget** reviewed
* Budget remains on track and is currently balanced
* Reviewed recent events & clubs sponsored by the PTO
1. **Upcoming Events: Anne Blanchard**
* Requested parents to use signup genius for volunteering/donating on the upcoming events
* BCMS Art Show - May 21st 5:30pm
* 5th Grade visit to BCMS- May 8th 11-1pm
* 8th Grade High Honors Reception- May 28th 7pm
* 8th Grade Breakfast- June 24th 9:00 - 10:30am
* Teacher Appreciation Luncheon- June 24th Start time approx 10:30 - 3pm (includes setup and clean-up time)
1. **Membership: Mary Ellen**
* Membership done: Oct 2019
* Currently, we have 418 members for our PTO BCMS
* We have over 100+ members this year in comparison to last year
* We are still accepting members for this year
* For any questions on membership contact: Mary Ellen
1. **Questions**
* Opportunity were given to PTO to address for any questions and concerns: NONE
1. **MOPCO: IMPROV theatre**
* Introduction to the group was given by Brian Sinkoff
* Discussed on Anti-Bullying program to help students learn, improve and retain skills
* First activity was choosing as “Sing Along” with a student choosing topic as “Dragon Breath”
* Some things that were discussed on how we tend to watch and imitate, do them for fun, Bullying is in whole world: on how we feel offended, conflict occurs, emotions are strong and contagious.
* A scene e.g. was given on Carpool where the audience gave a mood on each character and they improvised the dialogues accordingly
* Emphasized on how one should maintain a positive attitude for 72hrs and see what’s the outcome?
* Few other scenes they did on focusing scientific brain, Character Switch, Fairytale
* Discussed on one can reduce conflict: by showing kindness, positivity, understanding and listening each other.
1. **Changes from last meeting & Upcoming events**
* Meeting from 11/19 was cancelled. Mr. Klugman reviewed ASPEN during Education Week
* Guest speaker for February meeting was changed to MOPCO
* Next PTO sponsored event is March 2nd at 7PM at the BCMS on Drug prevention