

## Belmont High School PTO February 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes

### In Attendance:

Ming Zhong	Michael Tymmm
Wendy Valerius	Allen Ababroudi
Sarah Wang	Neil Mhatre
Lynn Findlay	Qun Lin
Louise Saidnawey	Madeline Cronin
Harry Jiang	Paul Saidnawey
Nicole Fraktman	Heather Baiany
Ripsime Guyundsleyan (sp?)	Jian Wang

### Business Meeting

*Caitlyn Assaretti*, The Food Project, spoke about a summer internship program for 14-17 year olds working on Dorchester and Lincoln farms on food justice and social justice projects. July 5-August 12. Hours 9-4 daily; \$200/week salary + 60 hours community service. Apply by 3/4/2016 at [thefoodproject.org/seed](http://thefoodproject.org/seed).

*Fundraising* (Madeline Cronin): We have raised \$31,372.91 through the non-Fundraiser, exceeding our goal of \$30,000. However, there are still items from the principal's wish list for the current year left unfunded. Some of these items include security, improved PA system, music stands and student leadership training. Madeline will send out another email updating the school community and calling for donations. Ming Zhong explained that the principal works with teachers in the various departments to come up with a wish list of items to be funded. In the past, the PTO paid for new Latin textbooks, as well as did a special fundraiser to get benches for the hallways. The wish list for the next year will be discussed at April's meeting.

Budget approved (Treasurer Jing Lin absent)

*Science Team Funding Request* (Ming Zhong): The science team had requested \$1,000 funding last meeting for transportation and materials to compete at the state level competition. Since then, they have been able to raise this money, however they do not have the funding to advance to the national level. The argument for funding them: currently in the top 5 of their division of roughly 20 teams; we should support them as their achievements will obviously reflect well on Belmont High School. Argument against: is it fair to fund one group over another? Request for funding if the science team advances to the national level passed.

Minutes passed (correcting one typo).

**Speaker:** Tyler Snyder, Admission Counselor, Babson College