

## Bannockburn Elementary School PTA General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 3, 2023, 7PM

### Bannockburn Elementary School All-Purpose Room

Attendees: Jason Kressel, Katharine Gordon, Jill Brafford, Lara Pukatch, Lea Mosena, Ola Craft, Liz Emrey, Stephen Liu, Katharina Kircanski, Lauri and Steve Ratliff, Becca Slaughter, Katie Harris, Billy Robison, Alicia Hunt, Girish Tumbapura, Seyi Badmus, Meredith Fishburn, Diana Newhart, Susan Limb, Sarah Hurt, Dana Shaiyan, Savy Welch, Min Shih, Mrs. Bradley

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#### AGENDA

1. Welcome—Katie Harris, BES PTA President 2023-2024
2. Vote to approve minutes from June PTA meeting (past minutes available on PTA website as “draft” until voted to approve). Susan made motion to approve, Becca Slaughter seconded, all approved
3. Report from Principal Bradley
  - a. 423 students in K-5 (K 3 classes, 1<sup>st</sup> 2 classes, 2<sup>nd</sup> 4 classes, 3<sup>rd</sup> 3 classes, 4<sup>th</sup> 4 classes, 5<sup>th</sup> 3 classes)
  - b. 8 new education staff members—great energy and expertise
  - c. 5 new support staff members—fantastic help!
  - d. Matt Johnson is substitute Assistant Principal while Ms. Mayberg out on maternity leave.
  - e. SEL and well-being—several programs to support emotional development and mental health
  - f. Academics: Multiple levels of analysis to meet all student needs. Working on some licenses for interventional support programs
  - g. Technology: Chromebooks in the classrooms, can be requested for home use—talk to Ms. Chuk and order through MCPS
  - h. Focus on Anti-bias Anti-racist (ABAR) development for equity and inclusiveness for all
  - i. Upcoming activities
    - i. Open House by Grade Levels—should occur before the end of Semester 1
    - ii. Parent teacher conferences may happen up until the Monday/Tuesday before Thanksgiving (half-days), but often BES teachers do it sooner. We will get emails from teachers to sign up for slots probably sometime in November.
    - iii. BES literacy night/PJ party—Tuesday Nov 7 6:30-8:00 in the APR
    - iv. Scripps Spelling Bee in Spring at BES. More info will follow.
    - v. Halloween Tuesday Oct 31. Parade at 2:30, parents can come to front circle. Class parties are somewhat standardized in classrooms. Also have alternate fall activities in Media center for kids whose families do not celebrate Halloween.
  - j. Student leadership opportunities: SGA, Patrols, Green Team (collect recycling, and going to start “uneaten food table”. Composting takes space and we don’t have the space for it...), Media Center Helpers (Ms. Chuk is developing this).
  - k. “What can we do to help you?”—parent asked Mrs. Bradley. “Trust us.”—Mrs. Bradley  
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4. Treasurer's Report

- a. Vote to add BINGO night to FUNDRAISER (\$2000 expenses, income ~\$3000). Dana makes motion, Susan seconds, and all approved.
- b. PTA Meeting Speakers to the budget. \$1000 for 2 speakers. Katharine made motion, Jill seconded, and all approved.

5. New School Sign

- a. BES is the only school in the cluster that doesn't have a digital sign. PTA project to raise money for the sign. (~\$30,000!)

6. Upcoming Events

- a. BINGO night 10/20/23—will have volunteer and SSL hour sign up. Everything we need to pay for will probably be through MTK, or in-person that night.
- b. Book Fair 11/2-11/7 (fair open Thurs/Fri and Mon/Tues)
- c. Science Night 1/19/24—4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. **Looking for a parent to help lead.**
- d. Dec 5<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting—guest Speaker Angie Zeidenberg (Former BES PTA president and Bannockburn Nursery School director; now a mind and body wellness coach). Will present on anxiety in kids and how parents can help them find the skills to build their confidence and embrace perfectionism.

7. International fair was a success! Thanks to everyone who participated and attended.

8. Membership. Only at 57% membership. Get the word out to join the PTA! Requested Mrs. Bradley's email to have more info about what the PTA supports and why you should join. We will also send to teachers to send to classes.

Susan made motion to adjourn, Diana seconded, all in favor at 8:30PM.