

BES PTA General meeting minutes

June 4, 2024, 7PM

Attendees: Cristin Kumar, Katharine Gordon, Jill Brafford, Becca Slaughter, Kristin Regen, Susan Limb, David Hecht, Katie Harris, Evan Harris, Seyi Badmus, Girish Tumbapura, Pavi Tumbapura, Sarah Hurt, Jason Spensley, Erika Spensley, Katy Levine, Joe Gersen, Lea Mosena

Principal Bradley Year in Review

- 1.) Math. Curriculum will continue to be Eureka
- 2.) ELA. Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) will be the new curriculum for grades K-3, emphasizing foundational skills. 4&5 graders will still use ELC, but also be able to pull from the CKLA curriculum
- 3.) Continue to emphasize building kindness and empathy

Summer Timeline:

New Principal should be selected by July 1. Expect communication from new principal in August.
Class assignments will be emailed week of 8/19
Sneak a peek end of week of 8/19
First day of school Monday 8/26
PTA Welcome Coffee 8/30
Back to School Night 9/5, 6:30PM

2024-2025 Stats:

Projected enrollment 2024-2025=430
Expected staffing allocation=Kx3 classes, 1x3cl, 2x2cl, 3x4cl, 4x3cl, 5x4cl (Note: MCPS expected to raise class size by one student per class, but this should not impact BES)

Staffing Changes:

Leaving BES ☹️ —Kate Bradley, Amanda Love, Stephanie Mickens, Hayley Hollis, Christine Castellano, Alyson Okun, Lisa Ramish
Coming to BES ☺️ --Leah Bernstein, Nicole Askenas, Mia Kaufman, Jenny Fleming

Parent Feedback Survey Results:

- 1) Many requested additional parent teacher conferences.
Response: MCPS builds the conferences in the fall, unable to replicate in the spring through MCPS. That said, parents can individually reach out anytime to schedule a conference with their teacher.
- 2) Lunch/Recess. Response: Parent volunteer program to start up again in the fall
- 3) Parents asking for more advanced notice for school events. Response: Teachers, PTA and Principal all try to communicate dates, but will keep working to improve communication through different platforms.

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Approve minutes from last meetings

Katharine motioned to approve, Girish seconded, all voted to approve.

Budget update

Girish presented.

Flush income and expenses. Work towards minimal surplus.

Auction, Book Fair, Bingo Night, all made good profit.

Grants: Curriculum support, teacher classroom fund, green team, SEL, staff development, school improvement (new electronic sign), etc

Drama and Baroody make a good amount of money

Artist in Residence and Cultural Arts Enrichment are some of our most expensive costs.

Going into next year is ~\$40,000 surplus

Susan made motion to approve 2024-2025 budget, Jill seconded, and we all approved.

Slate for 2024-2025 school year

President-Elect still open

Every other position is filled with at least one person except for MCCPTA curriculum committee.

Elected positions (Exec Committee and VPs) voted on by membership (listed below). Remainder of slate is Board-Appointed.

President: Sarah Hurt

President-Elect: OPEN

President Emeritus: Katie Harris

Treasurer: Girish Tumbapura

Secretary: Cristin Kumar

VP Fundraising: Kelly Wohlgemuth (1 open)

VP DEI: Prashant Yadav (1 open)

VP Communication and Membership: Tasha Teelucksingh (1 open)

VP In-School Activities: Min Shih (1 open)

VP Before and After School Activities: Greta Peisch and Roshini Thinakaran

VP Social Activities: Billy Robison and Gina Ridder-Beardsley

VP Community Service: Jill Brafford and Lara Pukatch

Girish makes motion to approve the slate, David seconded, all approved.

Motion to adjourn by Katharine, seconded by Jill, all adjourned at 8PM.