

BES PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: December 3, 2024

The BES PTA met on Dec 3, 2024, at Bannockburn Elementary School (BES). PTA President Sarah Hurt called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.

Attendees: Katie H., Sarah H., Cristin K., Kelly W., Virginia A. Becca S., Billy R., Lea M., Yvonne S., Brandi H., Laura M-K

Agenda

Approve Last Meeting's Minutes

Introduce New Board Members

Treasurer's Report

Community Service Updates

Fundraising Updates

Advocacy Updates

Approve Last Meeting's Minutes

Becca motioned to approve the minutes, Katie seconded, all approved.

Introduce New Board Members (Sarah H.)

Assistant Treasurer: Mariel Schwartz

Assistant VP In-School Activities: Elizabeth Shah

Still looking for President-elect, please let Sarah H. know if you know someone who might be a good fit!

Treasurer's Report (Sarah H. presented in place of Girish T.)

\$53,500 in bank and hopefully will have more information on our budget at March meeting (will be right before Auction & Drama Club which bring in a lot).

Community Service Updates (Katie H.)

Halloween drive, canned food drive completed.

Toy drive that benefits a hospital in Baltimore (orthopedic hospital) is starting, have a box at front of school for parents to drop off toys.

MLK Jr Day in-school service project at date chosen by BES (will be parent signups)

Fundraising Updates (Kelly W.)

\$5880 for annual fund fundraiser –

Be transparent about what the money goes to

Sarah H. would like to do a PTA membership push in this downtime (ppl don't realize that dues give access to directory and that they don't need to be actively involved, they can donate dues)

Question: What percentage of the school are PTA members? (Becca asked)

Kelly W. recommended possible idea for fundraising around this time of year, tied into membership push: "Give BES the Gift of Joining the PTA"

Becca S. noted that Pyle sends a reminder that membership dues are almost expired, and you'll lose access to the Pyle directory, which was a helpful reminder.

Perhaps we could do something similar?

Other ideas:

Last year, PTA did a class contest for a membership push and based on percentage of class that signed up, the winner won an ice cream party.

Could the class treasurers help with a push to get more members if we sent them an email template?

Book Fair Recap (Sarah H.)

Book Fair did well, co-chairs felt that Media Center was tight

Final results:

Able to give \$2k to media center for books

Made over \$4k this year for PTA

Talks from MCCPTA about switching to different company like Literati, co-chairs may try to sell some products from them in a pop-up at Mayfair

Emily P. will still be here but will need a co-chair next year and someone to take over for her the following year

Drama Club (Becca S.)

Auditions: Staggering grades (3rd and 5th both very large, want to make sure enough 5th graders get parts since it's their last year), starting with 5th, then 4th, then 3rd

Show will be Beauty and the Beast (most opportunities for the most kids)

Jr. Designers program for 5th graders

Start auditions the first week back in January and have rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday until March when show will be

Advocacy (Yvonne S.)

MCCPTA sets up advocacy goals every year, BES PTA votes on them.

At the cluster level, they are promoting language changes pertaining to a feedback loop around bullying. When a child is involved in bullying, families of the victim don't find out the resolution (NAACP rep suggested the language).

Boundary studies- MCPS would have to give ample time to all the affected districts once they determined the boundaries. They will be doing a boundary study in part around Kenwood. Cluster reps say this will not affect us (BES?). MCPS is hiring a consultant to do an actual study.

Class size- discussion at the meeting, the advocacy goals are vague to provide MCCPTA with flexibility in how they advocate

Other notes from MCCPTA delegates' meeting:

Pyle is at maximum number of students allowable.

Schools will be notified each step of the way bc of what happened last time with the 2020 Boundary Study

Sarah H. will send the MCCPTA advocacy priorities around

Kelly W. mentioned that 2nd grade parents at BES and parents from other schools within the county are trying to figure out how to advocate for greater class sizes

Could a group of parents go to the County Council meetings?

Katie mentioned concerns with how it could reflect on BES & said she could check in with Amber R to see if she's discussed this at our cluster meetings

Katie H. will check in with Ms. Serino to ensure we align with BES admin

Got rid of virtual schooling which also increased the # of

MCCPTA is looking for people to serve on the MCCPTA curriculum committee

Brandi H – Auction Timeline: Weekly committee meetings will begin in January, ticket sales start will start in Feb – 125 tix total

Encourages ppl to provide input about auction

PTA will start composting at events starting with Fun Run – Compost Crew will provide pickup services and compost bin

Motion to adjourn by Becca, seconded by Katie, all approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15PM.