

BES PTA Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)*

Date: June 3, 2025

Bannockburn Elementary School (BES) PTA President Sarah Hurt called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Attendees: David H., Katie H., Sarah H., Cristin K., Becca S., Jill B., Brandi H., Jane Y., Susan L., Lea M., Paich M., Savy W., Ms. Serino

*DRAFT minutes to be approved at next general membership meeting in September.

1. Year-in-Review with Ms. Serino

- MCPS: BES is 5 out of 5 stars in Math & Reading based on MCAP scores (January 2023-January 2024–98th percentile in elementary school category)

(Ms. Serino will share the slide deck from this meeting at a later date.)

THANK YOU, MS. SERINO, FOR A GREAT FIRST YEAR AT BES! WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU!

2. Approve Last Meeting's Minutes (3.4.25)

- Becca S made motion to approve, Susan L. seconded, all approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Drama Club – make it less expensive & more equitable for ppl participating, pay Molly more (currently takes home \$20k which includes costume and staff, made \$46k and cost \$32k (possibly invest in schools) THANK YOU BECCA FOR AN INCREDIBLE PROGRAM THIS YEAR!
 - PTA to purchase wireless mics to be used for other activities besides Drama Club

4. Approve 2025-2026 Budget

- UPDATES to Budget:
 - Jill requests a \$2k budget (vs. \$500) – change made before approval
 - Becca requests Drama Club projected expenses change from \$26k to \$32k (will likely be buying items and building up the program next year)
 - BOTH changes made in the budget before approval
- Auction–kept projected income at \$25k and transition auction to more of a social activity and focus more on experiences and teacher parties
- Focusing more on community engagement/grade-wide social events throughout the year?
 - **IDEA FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT:** *Savy proposed to have teachers lead quick icebreakers for parents at Back-to-School night, or have a social for all parents before in the APR (like 30 min before?) to encourage community engagement and socializing*
- Becca motioned to approve the budget, Jill seconded, all approved.

5. Boundary Study

- Brookmont would be the only potentially affected area in the BES boundary that would be switched to Westland (from Pyle). Every other BES area would be Pyle.

6. Community Service

- Jill presented. Year in Review: Book Drive, Halloween Candy Drive, Thanksgiving Food Drive, Toy Drive, MLK Day of Service, Mayfair Community Service Activity (THANK YOU JILL AND LARA FOR AN AMAZING JOB!!!)

7. Woodland Stewardship (Bannockburn Civic Association & BES)

- David presented. Completed: Community workday to turn the cut-down trees to woodchips. Planted the new trees. PTA ongoing responsibility to water the trees (will turn it into an interactive thing for kids).
- PTA now owns an extendable/collapsible hose that will extend across the field.

8. Outdoor Projects/Grounds Beautification

- David presented. TBD Wooden benches through Parks Dept. Install around the basketball court etc.
- TBD Mural on shipping container (potential local artist in mind) which would depict native plants, wildlife (+ bobcat!)

- Completed: Planted garden around digital sign. PTA will have to pay for ongoing garden maintenance.
- Looking into doing something small around the rock, down where old BES sign is/rebuild rock wall, stones on walkway, removing old planters that are outside.
- THANK YOU, DAVID AND KATY LEVINE FOR YOUR HARD WORK & DEDICATION!!!

9. Nominating Committee/Approve Next Year's Slate (see below)

- NEED NEW TREASURER!
- Need a new Cluster Rep: Monthly meetings, is fun & interesting to hear how other schools do things and meet ppl from other schools in cluster
- Motion to approve the slate by David H, seconded by multiple, all approved.

Motion to adjourn by Becca, seconded by Cristin, all approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30PM.

APPROVED SLATE FOR PTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2025-2025

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (approved by Membership on 6.3.25)

President: Sarah Hurt

President Elect: Cristin Kumar

President Emeritus: Katie Harris

Treasurer*: OPEN

Assistant Treasurer*: OPEN

Secretary*: Lea Mosena (Volunteered after slate approval*)

VP of Fundraising: Brandi Hight-Bank

VPs DEI: Jessica Liu & Rosalyn Kumar

VP Membership and Communications: Loretta Ingalls

VP In School Activities: Min Shih

Assistant VP In School Activities: Elizabeth Shah

VP Before and After School Activities: Greta Peisch

VPs Social Activities: Billy Robison & Jennifer Robbins

VPs Community Service: Jill Brafford & Lara Pukatch

*These positions will need to be approved by a general membership vote at a later date.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS (as of 6.3.25)

Cluster Rep: OPEN

MCCPTA Rep: Margaret Cantrell & Yvonne So

MCCPTA Special Education Committee: Dimple Mohan

MCCPTA GT Committee: OPEN

Green Schools Clubs and Activities: OPEN

EVENT LEADS (as of 6.3.25)

Back To School Picnic: PTA Board Members

International Fair: OPEN

Fun Run: Lizzie Conrad

Earth Day: OPEN

Auction: OPEN

Drama Club: Becca Slaughter

Mayfair: Margaret Cantrell & Stratton Kirton

Book Fair: Vidya Putcha

Staff Appreciation Week: Christina Martens & Tiara Vadiiee

THANK YOU TO SARAH, KATIE, AND ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND EVENT LEADS WHO WORKED TO MAKE THIS YEAR A GREAT ON!