

Briarcliff Elementary PTA

MEETING MINUTES

Feb 2, 2022

1. Call to Order

Meg Schroeder called to the meeting to order the at 7:04 pm on 2.2.22 on our Google Meet. Approximately 37 people were in attendance.

2. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting

Katie Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes from December, Pam Huffey seconded the motion

3. President's Remarks

—5th Grade will be taking over carpool board updates as part of the safety patrol initiative; may need volunteers to help facilitate that (Mornings 8:45-9:15, and perhaps during Soc Studies time in the afternoons. Hope to update it every 2 weeks or so. Any parents who wish to volunteer for this please contact Ms. Patrick - kpatrick@wcpss.net

—The school needs one CPR trained person for each grade level since we have a defibrillator on campus. Mrs. Nelson is asking if the PTA can fund the cost of substitutes for the day of CPR training for these individuals (approx \$800). The floor was opened for discussion; it seemed anonymously agreed that this would be a good use of fundraising monies. It was mentioned that this should be noted on the budget for the coming years as well, as people will need to be re-certified every 2 years. Daniela made a motion to approve this expenditure; Amy Dexheimer seconded the motion. All voting members voting yes for \$800.

—During the above discussion, it was noted that our Nurse is only on-campus 1.5 days a week. If you wish to advocate for a full-time nurse, or more money for these types of expenses to be paid by the County—instead of PTAs—please write your legislators.

—We also continued the discussion of Parent Support roles for each grade level. These people would be assigned to help communicate out specific needs to parents in their assigned grade level. 2 parents per grade level minimum. People seemed overall favorable about this idea. Keep an eye out for a sign-up from Mrs. Nelson.

4. Membership (Daniela Worden)

—Daniela asked if we thought we should send home paper membership forms, perhaps with a QR code to boost our numbers. People generally agreed with this idea and Gayle Manzer suggested we include a FAQ about the PTA, so people don't think they're signing their life away when joining. Also suggested was a Volunteer meet & greet event. Mrs. Nelson added that this form would need to be in english and spanish. Meg Schroeder agreed to spearhead this flyer.

5. Treasurer's Report (Mike Schroeder/Linda Long)

—Lots of expenses were paid out in December, but overall, we're fine. Current balance is \$33, 285.98

—Mike explained that due to excessive personal challenges, he is stepping down at this time as Treasurer. Linda Long has agreed to take over, and they have already been to the bank to sign the appropriate paperwork.

—A motion was made by Daniela Worden to elect Linda Long as the new treasurer.

Mimosa Hines seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed by the voting board members. Mimosa needs to email minutes of this meeting to Mike for the bank's records.

6. **Spring Fling**

- Scheduled for April 1, 2022. Needs a chair/cochair/committee ASAP
- May be outside, or a mix of indoor/outdoor; could include an auction or raffle element. Chairperson to coordinate with Jacquelyn White bc she has the old auction information; for raffle, could include teacher time/principal for a day/etc
- Nominations Committee to help appoint a committee

7. **Hospitality (Krystle Nelson, Lindsay Campbell)**

- Still figuring out Feb treat; needs a date from Mrs. Nelson—Feb. 10th

8. **Spirit Nights (Krystle Nelson)**

- Tijuana Flats spirit night was cancelled due to staff shortages
- Talking to Papa Murphy's to see possibilities for this month with heart pizzas; likely would not be through carpool unless PTA volunteers could help with distribution (and this would require preorders)
- Krystle will follow up with Meg once plans are finalized

9. **Advocacy (Michelle Craig)**

- Can we hype up Red for Ed on the BES News? Maybe do a participation award/prize for class with most red each week
- Please continue to wear RED for ED on Wednesdays to show your support.
- Someone suggested we have red BES spirit wear shirts to purchase.

10. **Kids Kreations (Linda Long)**

- will be ready in time for Mothers Day
- Should be distributing forms in the coming weeks; artwork has already been turned in to the company; will see if we can bump up the timeline to have items ready by Spring Fling.

11. **Book Fair (Jacquelyn White)**

- Needs to follow up with Scholastic to pick Spring date; will need many more volunteers since Jacquelyn is now working full time at the school.
- Mrs. Carpenter asked if we could partner up the Book Fair with International Night in late April/early May. Mrs. Nelson will check dates.

12. **Fundraising (Amy Dexheimer)**

- Final total was \$11,811
- Some prizes have still not been distributed—Mrs. Nelson will check names
- Amy reminded everyone that you can link your Amazon account to our PTA for charitable donations. Someone suggested that we send out instructions to help people figure out how to do this.
- Amy also threw out the idea of doing a color run in the Spring as a fundraiser, particularly if Spring Fling did not do an auction/raffle fundraiser.

13. **Principal's Report (Mrs. Nelson)**

- Teachers were surveyed about what they'd most like to see added to BES with Fundraiser monies. Their top results were:

- water bottle refill stations (about \$1200 each)
- headsets for outdoor use to magnify voices (about \$40 each)
- more metal picnic tables
- rolling whiteboards (more expensive)

—Counselor Appreciation Week is 2/7-2/11; please thank your counselor (should PTA recognize them somehow?)

—Mrs. Nelson thanked everyone who contributed to her flowers and gift card

—We have some new staff: Cecilia Guerrero is our new data manager; Jacquelyn White is our new COVID support/health staff

—Hopes to start clubs back in Spring (starting with Garden and Running bc they're outdoors), with the introduction of "Bulldog Student Leaders" for ALL 5th graders. This would be a combination of safety patrol duties, BES news help, etc. All 5th graders would get to participate.

—We NEED substitutes! Amy Dexheimer offered some insight into subbing, and BES could really use more support in the school. Please consider getting trained and working here!

—Parent volunteers are needed as well. Right now, we need support in the cafeteria between 10:30-1:50 to help with lunch. Mrs. Nelson sent out a signup genius for this.

—It is time for Kindergarten Registration! Please spread the word so the school can get accurate numbers early on.

—This Friday is Coffee with the Principal—a chance to chat with Mrs. Nelson about anything you're concerned with. She sent out the link via Talking Points. It is from 9:30-10 am on Friday, 2/4.

—School renovation/demolition status: we are currently in the process of being audited

14. **Closing**

Meg Schroeder adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.