

# ***Briarcliff Elementary PTA***

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Sept 7, 2021

### **1. Call to Order**

Meg Schroeder called to the meeting to order the at 7:05 pm on 7.7.21 on our Google Meet. Approximately 63 people were in attendance. (A RECORD!)

### **2. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting**

Mike Schroeder made a motion to approve the minutes from June, Betsy Betsacon seconded the motion

### **3. Welcome from New President**

—Meg Schroeder introduced herself and talked about this year being a rebuilding year.  
—Hopes to increase our inclusivity in the PTA by having a spanish interpreter (Ms. Hidalgo) available at the meetings  
—Wants us to be problem solvers, not trouble makers  
—New donation link available on memberhub for “classroom safety” items for expenses that relate to the pandemic  
—Our PTA will be utilizing Memberhub more and more, including newsletters and possible fundraising platforms  
—The other board members introduced themselves

### **4. Treasurer’s Report (Mike Schroeder)**

—still trying to get access to the account at Wells Fargo  
—We've taken in \$540 for 68 members  
—Our latest income has included money from spirit nights, spirit wear, etc

### **5. Advocacy (Michelle Craig)**

—Her goal is to help things be equitable across the board, not just at BES  
—Wants to reinstate the “Red for Ed” on Wednesdays (wear red to support teachers)  
—will attend and relay any news from the School Board meetings

### **6. Audit (Jackie Asekhauno, Nikki Vann, Jacquelyn White)**

—3 people committee who will oversee the budget monthly; just needs those reports from the Treasurer

### **7. Art By Me (Daniela Worden/Linda Long)**

—Will happen later in the year; is planning to use a vendor that provides free stickers to all children regardless of ordering status

### **8. Book Fair (Jacquelyn White)**

—Will be virtual this year and will be happening soon; date TBD

### **9. Cultural Arts (Nina Freeborn, Amy Hambright)**

—Because of COVID restrictions—no visitors allowed as well as a lack of interest in virtual events—this year’s projects will be done in-house with the help of the art teacher and parents.

—Possible projects include a painted rock garden or a tree handprint mural

—5<sup>th</sup> grade legacy project will be a continuation of the picket fence installation

### **10. Fall Fest (Amy Dexheimer, Jessica Mulkey)**

—Planning for Oct. 22, all outdoor, IF we're allowed to have it

**11. Fundraising (Amy Dexheimer, Kestrel McCorkle)**

- Planning to move forward with the annual Bulldog Fundraiser Challenge with flyers and small incentives; will not be a “one and done” this year
- Needs help, please email Kestrel if interested!
- Hoping to send out cold call letters to big corporations to ask for donations

**12. Garden/Grounds (James Brown, Evan McCorkle, Meg, Jennifer Midthun)**

- waiting on mulch, then a workday will be planned
- garden is blooming

**13. Go Play Save (TBD)**

- tabled for next meeting

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

- Providing snacks/treats/drinks on Sept 16 for teachers
- October will be a spooky snack
- Still using sign-up genius but needs to work on streamlining the email list

**15. Inclusion (Daniela Worden, Angela Dart)**

- Looking into sensory paths

**\*\*ACTION ITEM: Research sensory paths and see if we can create this in-house\*\***

**16. Membership (Melissa Raasch)**

- Currently at 68 members; membership link was shared in chat

**17. Nominations (Mimosa Hines, Amy Dexheimer, Jessica Mulkey)**

- nothing to share at this time

**18. Spirit Booth (Gayle Manzer/Melissa Raasch)**

- on hold for now

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

- Recent one for Papa Murphy's was a last minute arrangement; no total for that yet
- The next event will be McTeacher Night with McDonald's—details to come

**20. Spirit Wear (Jessica Mulkey)**

- Using a full service company this year—Custom Sports Spiritwear
- they handle all flyers, ordering, etc. which will occur over a 2-week window, tentatively set for Sept. 20-Oct 1
- more options will be available with this setup (dryfit shirts, sweatshirts, etc)

**21. Spring Fling (TBD)**

- nothing to share at this time

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

- BIG thank you to all teachers and staff for their dedication! *Asked for parents to please let their teachers know how much we appreciate them...they need to hear it!*
- BES is fully staffed; only missing day-to-day substitutes (talk to Bonnie Hooker in the office if you're available)
- Transportation does have shortages, so that's why bussing and carpool is taking longer than normal
- BES has no positive cases yet; if/when children become quarantined, they will

communicate with their teacher via google classroom for schoolwork, etc. There is no Virtual option during quarantines

—Working on encouraging teachers to use outdoor spaces as much as possible

—Kids are doing recess journals everyday (recording who they played with) to help with contact tracing down the road

—a Virtual Open House is set for Oct. 5 from 6:30-7, with a presentation and chance to ask questions happening prior to that. The Oct PTA meeting will follow

—Volunteers are not allowed on campus at this time; only essential employees

—The virtual Parent Handbook link was shared in the chat for other questions

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YB0p\\_iYFwNyzeG85PUc2nLF0Rj8IDNbs/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YB0p_iYFwNyzeG85PUc2nLF0Rj8IDNbs/view)

### 23. **Announcements/Other**

—The next PTA meeting will be virtual on Oct. 5 following the Open House

### 24. **Closing**

Meg Schroeder adjourned the first meeting of the 2021-22 school year at 8:18 p.m.