

BSES PTO Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2024 at 9:30am

Attendance: Andrea Everhart (President), Katie Stehr (Treasurer), Julie Williams (Appreciation Co-Chair), Kylee King (Appreciation Co-Chair), Tammy Ingram, Crystal Bream

Minutes from March meeting approved by Crystal Bream and seconded by Katie Stehr.

Treasurer's Report (Katie Stehr)

- Balances as of 4/17/24:
 - Savings: \$26,550.58
 - Checking: \$37,521.64
 - Paypal: \$0.00
 - Total Cash on Hand: \$64,072.22
- Katie is going through the bank's monthly statements to ensure all transactions and balances match the information in the monthly budget.
- Teachers/Staff should submit all receipts for reimbursement by May 28.

Principals' Report

Andrea Everhart relayed a message from Assistant Principal Ryan Murphy (who was unable to attend) stating his gratitude for the PTO's strong volunteer & financial support for the school.

President's Report (Andrea Everhart)

- Read-A-Thon (March 1-21) Recap
 - Fundraising Goal: \$15,000 / Raised \$8,613.73
 - Reading Challenge Goal: Max 12,000 completed challenges / 5,750 reading challenges completed (that we could track; not all sheets were turned in)
 - Suggested changes for next year: move the fundraiser to April to not overlap the school's Heart Challenge Fundraiser in February, lower the goal per student to \$10 to make it more attainable for all to increase overall participation, enlist SOAR Ambassadors to make a video to boost student engagement, change the Hersheypark ticket prize to Hickory Falls tickets as some families may not be able to afford the whole family to attend Hersheypark.
- Plant Sale Fundraiser Proposal
 - House of Flowers York is offering houseplants for us to sell for a profit. Plants include philo basil, marble queen pothos, fern varieties, dracaena, peperomia rainbow, snake plant, croton.
 - Group supports the idea. Katie Stehr will reach out to House of Flowers to arrange logistics to push as a Mother's Day/Staff Appreciation sale.

Appreciation Report (Julie Williams & Kylee King)

- Spa Day Recap on April 8
 - 30 staff participated in massages & hand dip with positive feedback

- Everyone received a gift and bus drivers received gift cards.
- Raffle Basket Sign-Up Sheet Posted at timetosignup.com/bsespto
- Staff Appreciation Week (May 6-10) Gifts/Events:
 - Monday - Catered Lunch by Buon Appetito Ristorante
 - Tuesday - staff will receive a gift of flowers
 - Wednesday - Breakfast by families (possible donation of Duck Donuts to support both the PTO and the Bermudian Baseball Team)
 - Thursday - Sunset Slush and Raffle Drawing
 - Friday - Concession Stand of Snacks (baseball themed)

Fourth Grade Picnic Report (Andrea Everhart)

- Picnic flyers & permission forms were sent home to families on April 16, and the link to submit student T-shirt sizes will be sent April 17 by teachers.
- Volunteer Sign-up Sheet was shared at timetosignup.com/bsespto
- Volunteers who sign up by April 26 get a free class t-shirt to wear at the event. Clearances required by May 14.
- Thanks to Kami Noel, Lisa Schiel, Lindsay Feeser, and Tammy Ingram for soliciting donations from the following organizations & businesses:
 - VFW - donated \$2,500, allowing free shirts to be provided to students, teachers, and cleared volunteers.
 - Jersey Mikes, Roccas, Nells Meat, Dr. Shoe Orthodontics, Weis, Giant, Knouse Foods, Peters Orchards, Utz, Snyders, and Then We Danced DJ services, and Dr. Ross Orthodontics are huge contributors in providing gift cards, food items, time, and gifts to the students.
- Proceeds from the refreshment stand at the Fine Arts event (4/18) will provide a large cooler and popcorn maker cart and accessories for continued use by the PTO after the picnic.

Discussion Items

Parents say it would be helpful for the school to send out Sapphire emails the night before half-day and 2-hour early dismissals and include the exact time of dismissal to better determine bus stop time adjustments. This would be especially helpful for parents of students in multiple buildings. Andrea Everhart will bring this suggestion to the admin's attention.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2024 at 9:30am (final meeting of the school year)

Minutes submitted by Andrea Everhart