

**BSES PTO MEETING MINUTES  
AUG 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2022  
6:30PM IN PERSON AND ZOOM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Morning:** Jason Mleczko (VP), Giovanna Biles (secretary), Julie Williams, Amanda Lee-Milner, Alicia Aiello, Ethan Sentz

**Evening:** Jason Mleczko (VP), Giovanna Biles (secretary), Emily Goodwin, Nathan Goodwin, Steph Fodor, Jen Eley, Amanda Wolfe (Treasurer), Emily Stambaugh, Danica Boyer, Ethan Sentz

**Zoom:** Robin Sherman, Kerri Barrick, Michelle Miller

Minutes from **May Meeting** were reviewed and approved

**Treasurer's Report:**

- **Balances** as of 7/31/22 \*
  - **Checking:** \$26,969.44
  - **Savings:** \$39,956.33
  - **Total Cash on Hand:** \$66,925.77

*\*Balances do not yet reflect the large payment made toward the playground in August.*
- **Budget:**
  - Had meeting in July → 2022-2023 budget was reviewed and accepted as written
  - Updates: 2 large payments for playground+ \$10k unexpected cost
  - Grants budget fully funded:
    - teachers & staff can submit applications by 11/1 & 2/1 for review
    - applications are located in footer of PTO website & copies will be added to bulletin board in faculty lounge
- **Bank resolution:** voted and approved new signers → Andrea Everhart (President), Jason Mleczko (VP), & Amanda Wolfe (Treasurer)

**Principal's report:**

- **Back to school Bash recap:**
  - Positive response
  - Negative: long lines, looking at ways to reduce lines next year
  - Open to feedback
- **Newsletters:**
  - Will be sent weekly with most important/updated info at top
- **Playground updates: (up and running!)**
  - Future fundraisers for smaller equipment
  - Looking at ribbon cutting ceremony that includes those involved (PTO, sponsors, SOAR ambassadors); possibly Sept PTO mtg time
  - Looking at naming playgrounds with vote by students, then unveiling at ribbon cutting

### **President's report:**

- **Back to school Bash feedback:**
  - Parent feedback: negative and positive; looking for feedback for improvement for next year
  - Possible improvements include: staggering grades, looking at fundraisers with food trucks, helpers with getting parents on Sapphire, Kindergarteners getting tickets at end of K hallway
  - Open to feedback!
  - Thank you to principal's for including us to receive money from ticket sales: raised \$276!
- **Picture Day:** Sept 15<sup>th</sup>; looking for 2-4 volunteers
- **Race for education:**
  - Volunteer opportunities for mailing, counting, & race day on Time to Sign up (coming mid Sept)
  - Important dates:
    - Sept 19<sup>th</sup>: Packets & labels to students
    - Sept 30<sup>th</sup>: Mail prep
    - Oct 21<sup>st</sup>: Race day!
- **PTO meeting location:**
  - Suggestion of changing evening location (pavilions, restaurant, etc.) to draw more participation
- **Contact directory:**
  - Opportunity for parents to opt-in to a parent directory to track down other parents
  - Looking for ways/someone to be able to oversee this, as well as feedback

### **Appreciation:**

- Aug 25<sup>th</sup>: back to school gift with cookies & brownies
- Appreciation breakfasts: 9/16 & 11/11
- Favorite List: making sure everyone gets email to update their favorites, reminders for all to complete

### **Good of order:**

- Thanks to PTO by Mrs. Sherman
- Ways to boost attendance: offer tech support opportunity prior to mtg, special ed nights, linking mtg to another event (may need childcare)
- Mother/son & father/daughter dances (other schools doing this); concern is this is solely PTO run and possibly running volunteers thin; looking at ways to incorporate more volunteers/involvement

**Next meeting: Sept 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Minutes submitted by Giovanna Biles, Secretary**