

Beechwood Knoll Elementary PTO January 2023 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, Location: Monday, January 9th, 2023 at 6:00pm, Virtual Zoom Meeting

Motion to approve November meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Principal's Report: Given by Principal Marisa Rodriguez (MR)

- 5th Grade Leadership Summit for School Council February 9th
- Read Across America February 27th through March 2nd
- Wants to gather students for an assembly this Spring to continue expectations set at etiquette assembly prep for concert.
- Friendly reminder to always use sidewalks and cross walks during drop-off and pick-up times.
- Grade 5 End of Year Planning meeting for families on Monday March 6th at 5:15pm prior to the next PTO meeting.
- BKS Benchmark testing:
 - MAP Growth testing January 3rd through 27th
 - Reading & Math Grades 2-5
 - Science Grades 4 & 5
 - mClass AMPLIFY DIBELS Reading is for Kindergarteners through Grade 2
 - ACCESS testing for EL students

President's Report: Given by Co-President Kristin Campbell (KC) and Katie Sampson (KS)

- Cocoa and Craft Night was a successful event. Big thank you to all who volunteered. Found that putting together a committee before the event was very helpful. Around \$800 was raised that night. KC especially thaneds Katelyn Guimaraes for spearheading the event.
- Book Fair was another successful event.
- Teacher's Luncheon hosted by PTO as a thank you to the teachers.
- The December Raffle Calendar was also a successful fundraising event. KC suggested to continue with this fundraiser for subsequent years. Justine Corte stated that PTO raised almost \$1800 from this fundraiser.
- KC will look at dates for Panera, Chipotle and Penguin Pizza kit fundraisers in January and February.
- KC mentioned that parents had approached her about bringing back BINGO night. Perhaps in conjunction with Penguin Pizza kit night, or separately. PTO attendees suggested in-person version virtual BINGO night. Thursday night before February vacation was suggested. MR will double check calendar and discuss BINGO night with KC.
- A parent asked KC to add to the agenda the subject of hosting a school dance. Prior to the pandemic, the school dance was a 5th graders-only event and doubled as a fundraiser for

5th grade end of year festivities. MR will broach the subject with the 5th grade parents during the Grade 5 End of Year Planning meeting on March 6th.

- KS mentioned booking equipment (bouncy houses, etc.) for the May Field Day and how it would be advantageous to book now. BKS has been in a position where we have booked equipment later than other schools in years past because BKS set the Field Day date later than other schools. MR will connect with Ms. Fran about a date for Field Day and reserving equipment needed for the event.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Co-Treasurer Justine Corte (JC)

- Balance as of 12/7: \$12,110.70.
- \$12869.03 is the current balance after Book Fair and magazine subscriptions spending and December fundraising.
- Mayor Koch sent \$1,000 to BKS PTO in November. This was gifted in order to recognize the difficulties that PTOs had in trying to fundraise during the pandemic. Current balance reflects this \$1,000 gift from the Mayor's office.

City-wide PTO Report: Given by City-wide Representative Katelyn Guimaraes (KG) and Grace Young-Jae (GY-J)

KH unable to attend PTO, so GY-J provided notes.

Senior Director of Student Support Services presented at the last City-wide PTO meeting. Discussed bullying and the rules regarding it are based on rules set forth by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Discussed the city-wide bullying prevention plan. Principals and staff at all schools attended bullying prevention training. Kevin Mulvey and Madeline Roy were both present at the meeting as well. Next meeting for city-wide is January 23rd at 6pm.

Final question posed by GY-J: Next year's school supplies. When should we establish a relationship with the 3rd party vendor to set up school supplies for next year? The order is historically due July 1st. KC suggested having a parent volunteer to manage this project. If interested, please contact KC.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:45pm

Meeting notes compiled by: Erin Geoghegan, PTO secretary

Next PTO Meeting: Monday, March 6th, 6pm-7pm