

Beechwood Knoll Elementary PTO November 2022 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, Location: Monday, November 14th, 2022 at 6:00pm, Virtual Zoom Meeting
Meeting called to order by Kristin Campbell at 6:03pm

Secretary's report: Given by Erin Geoghegan, Secretary. Motion to approve October meeting minutes. Motion approved.

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

- Extended day programs end Friday, November 18th.
- Next session of Extended Day Programs (winter session) will run mid-January to beginning of March.
- Tuesday, November 22nd annual Turkey trot. Rain date of Wednesday November 23rd
- No lunch served on Wednesday, November 23rd.
- School improvement plan will be submitted on November 22 and presented at School Committee.
- For month of December, report cards will be printed by request only. All report cards will be released on Aspen on December 6th at 1pm.
- Conferences will be on Wednesday, December 7th. Afternoon conferences in-person and evening conferences will be via zoom. Sign-up for conferences will open up next Monday, the 21st.
- Holiday concert will be returning on Thursday, December 15th. Starts at 9:30am, doors open at 9:15am.
- Clever badges are new and are used for password resets. Looks like a QR code.
- Social parachute is new social/emotional program. All grades are participating in this program. Mrs. Hurst will continue to draw attention to this program via the parent newsletters.
- Book Fair at end of month, November 28th through December 2nd. Will be open for families to shop after school on Friday, December 2nd.

President's Report: Given by Co-President Kristin Campbell (KC)

- Trunk-or-Treat event was a success. Over 100 lbs. of candy and over \$200 was donated for the event.
- School apparel now available for purchase.
- New member to the PTO – Sarah Huang, mom of 3rd grader, taking role of Web Promoter.
- KC discussed the need for more family members to get involved with event planning, especially those with younger students. Many of the current parents who volunteer at events have children who will be leaving BKS, so newer volunteers will be needed to pass the torch and continue a successful PTO.
- KC suggested a December family engagement event. Last year was Cocoa and Craft Night.
- Mrs. Fran suggested games with students and parents in the gym during Cocoa and Craft Night

- Participant suggested a dance party. Justine Corte mentioned that the Fun Run booster company offers a dance party with fundraising as an event option. Proposed a tentative date of Thursday, December 8th for a holiday dance party.
- KC mentioned a raffle calendar. The PTO has dozens of local business gift cards available and is thinking of sending out calendars for purchase and each day will be a gift card prize. If you win, your name goes back into the pool, so multiple chances for winning. Prizes will be scratch ticket wreath, gift cards, cash prizes. Calendar prize drawings will start on November 28th through December 22nd. Group decided on one page calendar with tear away piece at the bottom, \$10 per calendar. Prize for student who sells the most calendars.
- Panera Bread and Chipotle sent communications to the PTO about fundraising opportunities. KC will contact both restaurants to establish fundraiser dates.

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

- Current balance: \$12,059.53.
- Balance does not include trunk-or-treat donation and sales from DEI calendars. BKS made around \$400 in profit from selling DEI calendars.
- MR asked teachers to rank the Scholastic subscriptions that they have and based on their responses, she formed an order subscriptions to purchase, which is an expected cost of \$3026.66.

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

- Guest speaker from the Teacher's Union. DEI subcommittees have updates. The session was opened to PTOs from around the city to discuss their fundraisers.
- February family engagement event will be celebrating the Chinese New Year. Will discuss this at the next PTO meeting. Wednesday skating event at Quincy Youth Arena will be coming back. Siobhan Harte will be working on organizing this. More information to come. Parent volunteers will be needed for these events. Skate rentals not available at the rink, so participants need to bring their own skates.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15pm

Meeting notes compiled by: Erin Geoghegan, PTO secretary

Next PTO Meeting: Monday, January 9th, 6pm-7pm