



PTO Member Meeting Agenda

December 16, 2021

- **Welcome**

- Approval of [November 2021 PTO Meeting Minutes](#)
 - Membership voted on and approved the November minutes

- **President's Welcome**

- Thank you for joining; This will be our last meeting before the Winter Break
- The PTO thanked Mr. Young for all he did while at BBES; He stepped in during a time of uncertainty and brought a sense of community back into the school; It has been pleasure to work with him
- The PTO provided breakfast for the staff as part of 10 days of Fun, as well as provided a few donations to the prize raffle; Breakfast was provided mostly through donations from Wegmans and Giant
- We are looking to explore after school activities in the new year, as well as Bingo Night and Multicultural Night

- **Principal's Report**

- Principal's Update
 - Principal Young provided a video introduction from our new Principal, Moran Birge
 - Principal Birge discussed 3 important areas for him: Family, Relationships, and Success
 - He is an Orange Hunt Elementary and Lake Braddock alumni and comes from a family of educators
 - He is looking forward to getting to know everyone and hearing everyone's stories and background
 - Principal Birge was on the team that brought the Positivity Project to FCPS a few years ago and is very happy that BBES is participating in it
 - He believes that when our students are successful we are successful; He wants to see joyful learning throughout the classrooms
 - Principal Birge will provide several communications over the coming weeks; He will hold Zoom meetings to hear parent thoughts and provide a chance to connect
 - Mr. Hawk
 - Thanked the PTO for Virtual Paint Night and the staff breakfast
 - Thank Mr. Young; It was great to learn from him and work with him
 - Mr. Young
 - Mr. Young appreciated working with everyone at BBES

- He thanked the staff and teachers at BBES for working through a lot of transitions recently; Thank you to Andrea Root for working with him on behalf of the PTO
 - Ms. Woo
 - Ms. Woo expressed her gratitude towards Mr. Young
 - 6th Grade Team
 - Thanked the PTO for everything they do for the school and bringing in the fun
 - After Winter Break, the 6th graders will be focused on Robinson; Ms. Tighe thanked Mr. Young
- **Committee Reports**
 - Treasurer
 - November 2021 Financial Report
 - Balance: \$21,098.51
 - Outgoing: Teacher Supply Fund reimbursements; Paint Night supplies; Glow Dance supplies
 - Incoming: Glow Dance proceeds; School supply kits (significantly more than prior years); Kona Ice from movie night; Amazon Smile donations
 - YTD numbers will even out soon; One number looks negative, but will net out year to date
 - Melissa Lowden filed the annual 990 tax filing for PTO on December 15th
 - Fundraising
 - Recap: Virtual Paint Night
 - Thanks to Mrs. Fuller for another fantastic Paint Night; Great turnout
 - Restaurant Night
 - Spirit Week will be held Jan 31st to Feb 4th at Chik Fil A; 15% proceeds will be donated all day, all week so plan your meal accordingly
 - Spring Carnival
 - We want to start planning in the new year; Looking for volunteers to start forming a committee; There is a lot of legwork so we want to pull a team together
 - Sarah Engel is looking into the idea of holding a 5K run with 1 mile fun run; This was last done ~8 years ago; Sarah is mentoring a Robinson student whose project would be in conjunction with this effort
- **New Business**
 - Thank you gift cards for Custodians
 - The Custodians have been critical in helping us set up and clean up at our events this year; We would like to provide gift cards to express our appreciation
 - Membership voted and approved a \$20 gift card for each custodian

- **Announcements**

- Board Elections - We are still seeking a President-Elect (next year's President) and VP Programs (you can double up in that position; If interested, please reach out to any of the current Board Members)

- **Open Floor**

- STEM Committee Update (Hope DiGiusto)
 - Hope has been coaching an Odyssey of the Mind (OM) Team for BBES for a few years and would like to grow the program; Michelle Wright has been a great partner to run her team;
 - OM involves team being given an abstract problem and figuring out how to work as a team to solve the problem www.odysseyofthemind.com
 - Would love to be able to do this in-person again and figure out how to host one or multiple teams; Hope is willing to look into liability measures similar to how the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts do it;
 - Galaxy of Explorers is another option www.galaxyexplorers.org
 - This is a club event that could be held 1x/month and could work in a virtual format; Eventually they could meet together outside to do a rocket launch; We could make this program what we want it to be; It could be an extension of what we did with STEM Nights last year
 - Andrea Root commented that after school activities (specifically STEM activities) are the biggest requests we've had this year; We want to explore this with Mr. Birge when he gets settled
 - Andrea Root will contact some of her Scout contacts to see how they've been able to hold in-person meetings at school; Hope will also do some research
- Ms. Woo - The staff has been told to turn on their Out of Office messages on their email to encourage them to unplug over the holidays; Parents can expect a delay in responses during that time
- Happy Holidays to everyone; Thank you to the Administration and Staff and parents of the community; We are looking forward to the possibilities of what we will be able to explore when we come back from Winter Break

- **Adjournment**