



PTO Member Meeting Agenda

February 17, 2022

- **Welcome**
 - Approval of [January 2022 PTO Meeting Minutes](#)
 - Meeting minutes were reviewed, voted on and approved

- **President's Welcome**
 - Andrea Root thanked everyone for joining tonight's meeting and passed it to Principal Birge to provide the Principal's Report

- **Principal's Report**
 - Yesterday's Parent Coffee yesterday was the biggest turnout of the year; They are held the 3rd Wednesday each month at 10am
 - After-school clubs started this week and this week was a success; BBES staff have stepped up to run a variety of clubs (reading, drama, origami, etc); These clubs are being funded with ESSER funds
 - We are excited for the Student Council Association (SCA) Spirit Week February 22nd-25th; Fun days will include Twin/Tutu Tuesday or wear spirit wear; Wacky Wednesday, Thursday Pajama Day, and Freaky Friday/Crazy Hair Day
 - Masks - FCPS is looking over everything in the new state legislation and will notify schools and families over the coming days
 - The Kindergarten Team and Ms. Jeffries joined tonight's meeting
 - Kindergarten Team (Ms. Thomas)
 - Valentine's Day and the 100th day fell on the same day this year; This also tied in with this week's Positivity Project theme: Love; Kindergarten focused on kindness and love, wrote letters, and counted to 100; They also did a writing project on what they would do if they were 100; They continue to encourage acts of kindness (ex: fill buckets with hearts for acts of kindness and then have a spirit activity when the bucket is filled)
 - Ms. Jeffries
 - In social and emotional learning students are focusing on making responsible decisions; They think about how a decision will impact others and taking others' perspectives; Parents shared they are hearing some of this at home and it is good to hear kids are connecting to this and the strategies the learn are working
 - The topic in March and April will be self-awareness

- **Committee Reports**
 - Treasurer (Melissa Lowden)
 - January 2022 Financial Report
 - Balance as of January 31st: \$22,250.19

- There was minimal account activity in January
- Disbursement - Two payments: Administrative payment for Quickbooks, Staff appreciation (gift cards for custodians for their support at in-person events)
- Income - \$35 late cash payment for Virtual Paint Night
- We are in the black for the current reporting year
- Rachael Buckley asked a question on what our account balance looks like in a typical year; Melissa noted that in normal years, we've gone as low as \$17K and as high as \$26K depending on time of year; Around \$20K has been our normal during this atypical pandemic period
- Scottie will be ordered in time to deliver prizes for Bingo Night
- Fundraising
 - Virtual Bingo Night
 - We are on track; Andrea Edmonson will be calling numbers
 - We have a relatively low registration right now, but those numbers are starting to go up; The Principals will ask that it is included in the Morning News and will make sure it is in the News You Chose this week
 - The registration deadline is rigid due to the time required to make and distribute cards, but we can extend it by one day if we need to
 - Spring Carnival
 - This is typically one of the bigger events for the PTO; mainly an outdoor event
 - We will be sending note out to families that signed up for a PTO membership in the next week looking for volunteers to lead the planning
 - No firm date yet, but it will likely be held in April
 - Read-A-Thon
 - The PTO Board met and decided to explore making this a fundraiser this year; last year it was not as to not add stress to families during the pandemic, but in past years it was a fundraiser; Families can pledge very small amounts or make a small flat donation
 - Andrea reached out to Ms. Lewis to set up a time to talk through plans
 - The PTO would also like to get input from staff on what the proceeds could go towards so we can share that with families and let them know what we are working towards
 - Additional fundraising efforts (towels and blankets, spiritwear)
 - We are moving forward with sale of towels and blankets, which would be fun and useful in the coming spring and summer
 - We are look at reopening the spirit wear portal and possibly new items (shorts, tank tops); We will put a poll on Facebook to gauge interest
 - Meredith Sheppard asked if we are tied to the current spirit wear provider and suggested maybe doing a more comfortable dry-fit fabric; We will look into other providers and other material options

- **New Business**

- Is BBES selling yearbooks this year? Yes, more information to come
- Andrea and Rachael raised the idea of a new electronic sign in front of the school; Is the renovation plan?
 - Principal Birge will research whether it is included in the renovation plan
 - The PTO will reach out to the Oak View PTO (they upgraded their sign recently) and asked if it was something the PTO supported and for more information if it was
- A suggestion was made to Include Bingo in Teacher newsletter
- Chik Fil A Restaurant Week - Thank you to everyone who came out and participated; We do not have the results yet
- Ms. Thomas suggested looking into a Teacher vs. Teacher game again as a fundraiser; In the past it was BBES vs. Oak View basketball and it was a huge success; It was a great community-builder and fundraiser (sold spirit items)
- Boosterthon was suggested as another fundraiser; The PTO Board will look into it

- **Announcements**

- Board Elections
 - We still have open positions for President-Elect and VP, Programs; If anyone is interested in learning more, reach out to the current Board Members; We will also put something together to put in the Tuesday Folders

- **Open Floor**

- No additional topics raised

- **Adjournment**