



BES PTA General Meeting Minutes January 12, 2022

- I. Call to Order & Welcome – Brooke Fortier, Co-President
Called to order at 6:30PM.
- II. Establish Quorum – Julie Horiuchi, Secretary
- III. Procedures for Virtual Meeting – Brooke Fortier, Co-President
 - A. Recording of meeting
 - B. Chat Box for questions
 - C. Voting for Members only
 - D. Mute your microphone unless voting
- IV. PTA Board Updates and Call to Service – Shonda Harper/Brooke Fortier, Co-Presidents
Ms Fortier introduced the board members: Julie Horiuchi (Secretary), Austin and Leah Fitch (Treasurer), Tom and Wendy La (Operations), Kristin Barry (Communications), Ryan Blumel (Programs), Emily Hanson (Events Coordinator), Lucy Turnage (Fundraising)
 - Board positions available – please reach out if you are interested in joining the board
 - Need Book Fair chair
- V. Update on the State of BES and Leader In Me – Summer Rogers, Principal
 - Covid update and precautions : everyone is being cautious in keeping sick kids home
 - Mask wearing has been followed by all students
 - Safe when eating in the cafeteria – sitting in same seating chart as classroom to reduce spread
 - Communication through ParentSquare
 - Average of 14% of students out – excused absence
 - Two nurses at school to replace Nurse Griner out on maternity leave
 - New contract tracer hired to monitor Covid spread
 - 902 students this year
 - MAP assessment shows positive growth and improvements
 - Positive impact of Leader in Me learnings on students
 - WIGS – Wildly Important Goals – Wednesdays
 - Please consider giving back to the teachers and staff – ie Teacher Treats

- The Moore Lessons - Foundational Reading, a Harvard University study

VI. Review of Budget and Proposed Changes for 2021-22 – Austin Fitch, Treasurer

A. Line item adjustments for School Counselors and Hospitality – need to be voted in by PTA members

- i. School enrichment is where we spend the most money – over 70% of teachers used the classroom funds
- ii. Leader in Me – PTA contributes to programs costs
- iii. Staff professional development
- iv. Capital expenditures
- v. Media and AV upgrades : line item this year = \$10,000
- vi. Programs and committees : hospitality and appreciation events – may or may not happen this year due to Covid - requesting to double the amount allocated to hospitality in order to invest in staff appreciation activities
- vii. School counselor – the counselors need more funding to invest in their space
- viii. Total expenses –higher level of spending than last year – mostly AV and Media upgrades
- ix. Leader in Me expenses to be offset by corporate sponsors

B. Fundraising plans for current year: Book Fair, February; Booster Fun Run, March; Corporate Sponsorship requests, planning stages – Higher level of fundraising than past 2 years

VII. Voting for Budget by Roll Call – Julie Horiuchi, Secretary

Lucy Turnage motioned to approve the changes to the budget.

Kristin Barry seconded the motion.

Quorum was met with 27 votes to approve the budget changes.

VIII. Question & Answer Session – Kristin Barry, VP Communications

No questions were taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.