



BES PTA General Meeting Agenda
November 22, 2019

I. Welcome

- a. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by the PTA President, Brooke Fortier.
- b. Ms. Fortier opened by the meeting by stating that our goal is to keep BES a neighborhood school even though our enrollment is now over 1000.

II. Fundraising Updates

a. Book Fair

- i. Our new book fair chairs, JoAnn Jellison and Julie Horiuchi, did a wonderful job. The Book Fair raised over \$13,000. We will receive 55% of our profits in Scholastic Dollars which we will use to purchase books for the students and the school.
- ii. Our next book fair will be in the first week of February.

b. Capital Campaign

- i. The Capital Campaign ran from October 1 – November 1, 2019. We raised a little over \$22,000. We did not quite reach our ultimate goal of \$30,000 (which was based on 100% participation for all our students at \$30/student), but we exceeded the amount raised last year.
- ii. We are considering different options for use of some of the funds raised during the Capital Campaign. For example, one expenditure that has been proposed is finding a way to improve school safety particularly in the carpool line and in the front playground areas.

c. Future Fundraising - Boosterthon

- i. Our spring fundraiser is Boosterthon.

III. Multi-Cultural Events at BES

a. Interest and Ideas

- i. We have 32 different languages spoken at the school and students from 24 different countries. We are looking for ways to promote multiculturalism at the school.
- ii. One idea proposed by a parent was to host an international week. The United Nations has an international day of peace. It was suggested that we try to time our international week so that it runs in conjunction with the UN's International Peace Day (perhaps next year).
- iii. Many parents suggested that we try to do a multicultural celebration during the school day so that more children can participate. There was also the suggestion that we incorporate an international theme into the specials classes during that week.

IV. Volunteers & Future Events

- a. We are evaluating parental interest in various events that we have traditionally held such as the school carnival in light of the declining parent/volunteer participation. For example, approximately 1/3 of our students go to the carnival, but we have a very hard time finding enough parent volunteers for the event.
- b. One idea that was proposed was to create a survey flyer to get more information as to what events that we should consider adding or deleting.
- c. Another suggestion was to send out specific emails about volunteer opportunities.

V. Adjourn

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am by Brooke Fortier.