

PTO General Meeting

Date: August 21, 2019

Location: BMES Conference Room

21 in Attendance (Listed at Bottom)

6:00 pm: Meeting Called to Order -- Jessica Spencer (PTO President)

- a) Brief introductions of everyone in attendance

6:05 pm: Special Guest – CCUSD Superintendent Dr. Debbi Burdick

- a) Talked about the “11th Day” tomorrow and why that day is noted
- b) Increase in students overall in the district this year (partially due to the closing of Foothills Academy but also many new families moving in from out-of-state)
- c) Roof Updates: BMES, Desert Sun, and Desert Willow all have roofs in progress (BMES and Desert Sun are close to completion, Desert Willow ran into scheduling issues)
 - a. Grants were used to fund these 3 new roof, not district funds
- d) Strategic Plan:
 - a. You can read about the Strategic Plan for 2016-2019:
<https://www.ccusd93.org/Page/8709>
 - b. To find out more about the committee working on the new strategic plan:
<https://www.ccusd93.org/Page/8780>
 - c. The committee has been meeting to set goals; they have set 5 goals this time.
 - d. We were able to achieve all 4 goals from the 2016-2019 plan thanks in part to the support of district PTOs, grants, etc.
- e) Questions:
 - a. Timeline on roof completion? *We do not have a firm date for the completion of BMES roof, but Dr. Burdick has promised to look into this for us and will notify Mr. Owsley when she gets more information.*
 - b. Is the district looking into the possibility of an additional middle school? *If the district needs it, we have the space at the former Arroyo Middle School building (would share the space with EVIT); while this is building growth in the area, the enrollment numbers at the elementary level are not currently high enough in the lower grades to warrant opening another middle school (K-2 numbers have actually dropped some).*
 - c. Is the Strategic Plan available for viewing? *After the board meeting in September, if approved, a preview will be available; the actual plan will be available to view in December.*
- f) To learn more about Dr. Burdick and her Committees and Challenge visit
<https://www.ccusd93.org/domain/454>
- g) Don't forget to join Dr. Debbi Burdick for Superintendents Coffee meetings!

6:23 pm: Principal's Report – Matt Owsley (BMES Principal)

- a) Roof = it was supposed to be done before school started, but now we don't have a definite date
[DR. BURDICK TO LOOK INTO AND GET BACK TO US]
- b) Patriot Day Event - September 11: a day to honor first responders; anyone is welcome to attend

- c) Boosterthon – September 13: Looking for ideas for crazy “punishments” that can be a motivator for the students to collect more donations (Mr. Owsley is out of ideas!). If you have ideas, contact him or the PTO: <https://www.bmespto.org/suggestion-box.html>
bmespto@ccusd93.net

6:30 pm: Treasurers Report – Nicole Kremer (PTO Treasurer)

- a) Back to School Night event = \$54 profit in water sales
b) Spirit Store = \$1700+ income so far
c) Boosterthon Shirt Sponsorship = \$2000 in sponsorship (will ensure every student gets a shirt)
d) Direct Donation campaign = \$900+ so far
[https://www.bmespto.org/uploads/1/2/2/8/122837805/pto - form direct donation.pdf](https://www.bmespto.org/uploads/1/2/2/8/122837805/pto_-_form_direct_donation.pdf)
e) Turf in the Gaga Ball court, front office painting and accent wall – included in our campus beautification budget
f) Birthday Blasts: due to construction issues, the marquee currently does not electricity running to it
g) Find out more about our fundraising programs: <https://www.bmespto.org/fundraising.html>
h) If you have questions about the budget, BMES PTO promotes total transparency. Just ask and we will be happy to discuss it with you! bmespto@ccusd93.net

6:44 pm: New Business -- Jessica Spencer (PTO President)

- a) Grandparents Breakfast – September 6: free, casual, social event for GRANDPARENTS only
a. We still need volunteers! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4dabaf28a5fb6-grandparents>
b. We can always use donations of supplies:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4dabaf28a5fb6-grandparents1>
b) Boosterthon – September 13: \$25,000 fundraising goal (for technology and classroom needs); this is our biggest fundraiser for fall
a. Run by a third-party company, who do the bulk of the work for us (be ready for LOTS of energy coming to campus soon!)
b. Glow Run in the gym
c. Program teaches character lessons in the weeks prior to the actual Fun Run
d. Sponsored t-shirts provide EVERY student with free piece of BMES spirit wear
e. Program kicks off September 3rd with pep rally and the site will open for donations. More information coming soon!
c) Oktoberfest at Harold’s – October 5:
a. At Harold’s Corral in Cave Creek (big supporter of the Cave Creek Unified School District)
b. Adults-only event (open to parents, teachers, staff, friends)
c. PTO sponsors a table at the event
d. General Admission and VIP tickets available
e. Majority of the profits from the event will be divided amongst the participating schools.
f. Volunteers are welcomed to help decorate the BMES table or donate supplies (look for more information in coming weeks)
d) Trunk or Treat – October 26: free, social event
a. Entrance fee for trick or treaters = bag of candy

- b. Can donate candy in advance (watch for donation station in the front office in coming weeks)
 - c. Families sign up to decorate their vehicles and hand out candy
 - d. Safe environment for kids
 - e. Contests for best decorated trunk and for best costume
- e) Give Back Day – November 16: A day for BMES to Give Back to the Community Together
 - a. Donation driven event (still pinning this down: Goodwill, clothing/diaper donation, food drive, etc.)
- f) Financial Literacy Program – Throughout the Year
 - a. Volunteers Needed!! Sign up today:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4dabaf28a5fb6-20192020>
 - b. State standards for Financial Literacy are not as high as they could be. BMES wants to give students more.
 - c. This is a free curriculum (FDIC approved) and focuses on “Wants vs. Needs”
 - d. Parent volunteers to run the teaching sessions (you don’t need a finance background!) and work with teachers to schedule; 8 lessons for each grade level; flexible commitment
 - e. Binders will be provided for the volunteers to use. Training sessions will also be available (dates to be determined).
 - f. If you’d like to preview the curriculum and see if it’s something you could help with contact us bmespto@ccusd93.net
- g) Community Partners:
 - a. These are our easy fundraisers (very little effort on our part, great return)
 - b. Fry’s VIP Program: re-enroll each fall!
https://www.bmespto.org/uploads/1/2/2/8/122837805/frys_community_rewards_program.pdf
 - c. Box Tops: yes, Box Tops now has a digital option, but keep clipping any you find on packages, we’re still taking them!! To find out more and learn how the new digital Box Tops/App works, visit: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>
 - d. Amazon Smile: we are now officially set up with Amazon Smile! Make sure you log into smile.amazon.com and not just regular Amazon, and set up “**Black Mountain Parent Teacher Organization, Cave Creek**” as your charitable organization. We get a small portion of every purchase.
 - e. Spirit Nights: still finalizing dates and locations, more information coming soon! If you know a local restaurant that would like to partner with BMES, let us know.
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- h) Hospitality:
 - a. Providing lunches for teacher on ½ Days
 - b. Sign-Up Genius to go out monthly for donations of food/supplies (great way to help out if you’re not able to volunteer)
 - c. The staff really appreciates these days and they make good use of the leftovers!
 - d. Themed/Seasonal
- i) Spirit Store:
 - a. New Apparel Coming Soon:
 - i. Football jerseys for students coming (special order only, limited time offer)

- ii. Ball caps
- iii. Light-weight, zip-up, hoodies
- iv. Racer-back tanks for girls/women
- b. Store is open Fridays before school and at all PTO events! Stop by and say hi and get yourself a little School Spirit!
- c. If students wear school colors or Spirit Wear on Fridays, they can stop by the store for a little gift.

7:32 pm: Door Prize Raffle - Jessica Spencer (PTO President)

- a) Winners received a fabulous re-useable lunch kit in a BMES tote, and a stuffed Bobcat!
- b) Congratulations to our winners: Spring B., Samantha L., and Señora Yurcak!
- c) Make sure you join us next time and you could be a winner, too!

7:35 pm: Meeting Adjourned – Jessica Spencer (PTO President)

Meeting Attendees:

Elise Snyder	Sierra Litman	Vince Carlson
Maya Johnson	Rina Yurcak	Alissa Letendre
Jessie Spencer	Carla Leneis	Paul Axberg
Nic Kremer	Alyssa Rose	Matt Owsley
Deb Burdick	Samantha Laitinen	Amy Hoppmann
Melissa Kartler	Katie Hill	Kylee Green
Jessica Orrett	Kim Scott	Patricia Ponterio