

PTO General Meeting

Date: November 7, 2018

Location: BMES Conference Room

16 in attendance (Listed at bottom)

6:06 pm: Meeting Called to Order by Jessica Spencer-

- a. Brief introductions of everyone in attendance

6:10 pm: Principals Report -- Matt Owsley

- a. Concerning Rumors:
 - i. Matt Owsley is NOT retiring any time soon. Really, he's not.
- b. A+ Certification:
 - i. BMES is currently going through the application process for certification.
 - ii. What *is* A+ Certification? Visit <http://azedfoundation.org/programs/a-school-of-excellence-program/> for more information on the program, the process, and what it means to our school!
- c. General Q&A:
 - i. Parents asked about the current math curriculum (how is it chosen/reevaluated? What are the expectations?)
 - i. Answer: The curriculum is decided upon by the district and reviewed regularly. When the district decides to change curriculum, will chose programs and open it up to parent review and comment. BMES does incorporate Beyond Textbooks (visit <https://www.beyondtextbooks.org/> for more information) to supplement where the current curriculum may not fully align with AZ Standards.
 - ii. Parents asked about our Title I status (have it in reading, not in math) and why it is the way it is.
 - i. Answer: We don't qualify for Title I math program because of our area demographics.

6:43 pm: Treasurers Report -- Maren Youngberg

- a. Current Programs:
 - i. Box Tops was a success. We earned over \$600 (That's over 6000 box tops!!!)
 - ii. Family Art Night is coming up. All money earned goes to the Arts programs.
 - iii. If you have any questions for concerns regarding budget and spending, contact Maren at BMESPTO@ccusd93.org The PTO Budget is public information for anyone who wants to see it.
- b. Reminders:
 1. Drama and dance programs and teachers are fully funded by the PTO, not the district. Their combined salaries are \$100,000.
 2. We have largely 1:1 technology/student ratio because of PTO fundraising efforts.

6:46 pm: Old Business -- Jessica Spencer

- a. Welcome Back Minute-to-Win-It: Kudos to Melissa Kartler and her Committee for a great event. Feedback was positive on this event and families enjoyed it.
- b. Boosterthon: We not only met but exceeded our fundraising goals with this event (\$26,178 raised!!)
- c. Grandparents Breakfast: Kudos to Christina Gustason and Committee on a well-attended and smooth running event this year! We had over 300 grandparents join us!

- a. Feedback: having a 2nd greeter to assist in directing where to park and such or a BIG sign would be helpful
- d. Fall Festival (Stefni Equibel): suggestions have been made to move the event to the spring due to the heavy fall event schedule; but otherwise another successful year for the festival
 - a. Feedback: parents expressed thanks for additional inflatables operators; only complaint was a request for water to be made available at the event
- e. Oktoberfest at Harold's Corral (Elise Snyder/Maya Johnson): Despite the weather this was a great event. We sold 49 tickets. Harold's keeps a portion of each ticket we sold, the rest goes to us. The event brought in over \$11,000 for all CCUSD schools. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket or helped supply decorations.
 - a. Feedback: the event was better promoted this year (thanks to Vince for being willing to wear lederhosen while doing his Safety Duties); big THANKS to Danny at Harold's for putting on this amazing event.
- f. Trunk-or-Treat: Kudos to Melissa Kartler; great event even if we did have to change the date; We had 30 cars and lots of families showed up.
 - a. Feedback: some cars ran out of candy early while other did not; 2 hours was just too long, next time we'll cut it down to 90 minutes.

7:06 pm- New Business -- Jessica Spencer

- a. Veterans Day Event: Program and Walk will take place on Friday November 9, 2018. Similar to how we did it last year; will have an honor guard leading the walk this year and Chorus will perform patriotic music during the program; students will need a photograph to carry if they are not walking with an actual family member. We are the only school in the district that does this big of an event to honor Veterans. Go BMES!
- b. Family Art Night: There's still time to get your tickets but classes are filling up. There will be workshops for Art, Music, Drama, and Dance for families to participate in. All the money raised will go directly to those four programs. There will also be local artisans selling arts and crafts at the event. So get your tickets!!
- c. Spirit Nights/Community Partnerships:
 - a. Spirit Nights are on hold for now until after the holidays. If you have any suggestions, contact Maren Youngberg.
 - b. Keep collecting those Box Tops for our next collection event!
- d. Scholastic Book Fair: Coming to BMES December 3-7, 2018. This is not a PTO-sponsored event.
- e. Hospitality/Appreciation Committee Events: Chili Cook-off for Teachers was a big success. 7 or 8 families participated by bringing in a variety of Chili. The winning chili chefs, the Paradies Family, are proudly displaying their cook-off trophy! Congrats to them! Will be trying to do teacher appreciation events like this on half days if that works for the teachers.
- f. Spirit Store: Kudos to Patricia Ponterio and her Crew for all their hard work to make the Store great and to keep it in the black!
 - a. Boo Bags did really well (Manning's class sold the most) and it was great to see so many students purchasing for both friends and staff as well.
 - b. Looking into getting some new designs for tees and hoodies as requested
 - c. Possibly doing Candy Cane-grams in December,
- g. Family Dance: We have a theme (it's the 80s!) and planning for this fun event is under way.
- h. Evening for the Arts – Gala:
 - a. Pending Venue (Civana Resort in Carefree)
 - b. Casino Theme

- c. Silent and live auctions (scaling back number of items; looking for more local donations/events/trips)
- d. A dedicated website is in the works that will be used for both ticket sales as well as for the auction bidding and even just a direct donation option if you can't participate.
- e. We are looking for local businesses to help sponsor the event. If you know anyone, please contact BMESPTO@ccusd93.org

7:34 pm Meeting Adjourned by Jessica Spencer

Meeting Attendees:

Elise Snyder
Stefni Esquibel
Jessica Spencer
Maren Youngberg
Michael Marcinko
Alissa Letendre

Matt Owsley
Danielle Zilly
Maya Johnson
Carla Leneis
Tracie Wain
Vince Carlson

Kristin Cardin
Mandi Holland
Kristin Steward
Jessica Pollicino
Patricia Ponterio