

PTO General Meeting

Date: August 19, 2020

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

23 in Attendance (Listed at Bottom)

6:00 pm: Meeting Called to Order / Introduction of Attendees -- Jessica Spencer (PTO President)

6:11 pm: Principal's Report / Q&A

- a) A lot of work has gone into the start of school and virtual learning.
- b) Return to Class On-Site: Are we going back on September 8th? That's still being decided by our school board. As of now, we're still projected to start back on the 8th, we will have to wait and see if they extend virtual learning or not, depending on metrics.
- c) Thank you for your patience as we navigate this way of doing school.
- d) Parent Questions:
 - a. Will Kindergarten parents be able to come on campus to drop off kids?
 - i. No, not like we used to. We are looking into details still but likely will have something on the North side of school for drop off the Kindergarteners.
 - b. If we do return on the 8th, will there be bus service? Enrollment numbers: how are you handling the larger classes in some grade levels?
 - i. Yes, buses will be running; mask policy will be in effect on the buses when large number of riders; more information coming soon, Matt will share if with families as soon as he can.
 - ii. Managing larger class numbers: we cannot socially distance with our numbers so students will be wearing masks in classrooms/hallway; lunches (where they can't wear masks) will include social distancing measures and classes will be staggered in their lunch times to reduce numbers in the cafeteria at one time
 - c. Enrollment Numbers: Is enrollment down to the point where it is having financial impacts?
 - i. We did have a number of students leave BMES but compared to some schools in the district our losses were relatively low; big changes in staffing won't be felt this year but it could potentially be an issue for next year.
 - d. Communication from the School has been awesome, thank you!
 - i. Thank YOU for that; we're wanting to do more but we're doing what can when we know something. Big thank you to Jessica Spencer for helping spread the word to families as well on Social Media.
- e) Email Matt Owsley with any other questions (see contacts at bottom).

6:44 pm: Treasurers Report – Nicole Kremer (PTO Treasurer)

- a) Teacher/Staff Grants: \$200/teacher allotted for classroom materials; \$346 spent so far
- b) Offline Learning Materials: materials to be sent home during online learning period; budgeted \$5250; \$1497 spent so far
- c) Teacher/Staff Welcome Back Kits: \$1832 spend on welcome back supply kits for staff

- d) Spending will look a little different this year than we had budgeted for in the Spring. The PTO Executive Board will review this year's budget and revise based on the current COVID-19 situation.
- e) If you have questions about the budget or would like to see the full budget and the profit/loss statements, BMES PTO promotes total transparency. Just ask and we will be happy to discuss it with you!

6:52 pm: New Business -- Jessica Spencer (PTO President)

- a) Welcome Back Event:
 - a. Large group events are not happening now; we're looking into something fun and welcoming for the first day back on Campus for on-site learning instead. Stay tuned!
- b) Grandparents Breakfast/Oktoberfest:
 - a. Again, not do-able as we have in the past, but we are open to optional ideas (if you have ideas, feel free to email us and share them).
- c) Trunk or Treat:
 - a. We can't do this with required social distancing, but we may do something similar in the Spring with a Spring theme (May Day baskets perhaps?) or something Parade-style. Again, open to your ideas and suggestions.
- d) Boosterthon:
 - a. Committee is meeting with the Boosterthon team on August 27th to discuss options for a November event. Details going forward TBD.
- e) Read-a-thon:
 - a. We were going to take a break from Read-a-thon this year but are now looking to bring it back since it is a virtual event that the kids enjoy.
 - b. October is National Book month, so we are considering holding it in October. More information coming soon.
- f) Financial Literacy Program:
 - a. This will likely be on hold for now; we will revisit it in the Spring.
- g) Community Partnerships:
 - a. You will see more of a push for these events this year as they are easy and contact-less fundraising events
- h) Hospitality/Appreciation Committee:
 - a. Status of events TDB
- i) Spirit Store:
 - a. We are looking into the potential of going digital and having an online shop; ideas in the works for process as well as fun new products for the year.
- j) Common Theme This Year: we need to rethink some of our usual programs, both for social as well as fundraising events, so we are open to ideas and suggestions!**

7:16 pm: Meeting Adjourned – Jessica Spencer (PTO President)

Questions?

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Meeting Attendees:

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