

PTO General Meeting

Date: November 18, 2020

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

12 in Attendance (Listed at Bottom)

6:07 pm: Meeting Called to Order -- Jessica Spencer (PTO President)

6:12 pm: Principal's Report – Jessica Spencer (PTO President) on behalf of Principal Matt Owsley

- a) COVID-19 Updates:
 - a. You can find all the information you need on the CCUSD website:
<https://www.ccusd93.org/Page/10616>
<https://www.ccusd93.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=11961>
 - b. We are following the district guidelines. If you have any specific questions feel free to contact us.
- b) BMES Identity/Events/Memorable Moments:
 - a. We are currently brainstorming ideas for little ways to create the fun memories of a regular school year, while social distancing and observing District policies on campus. If you have any ideas for making some fun memories for the kids this year, email the PTO. **THERE ARE NO DUMB IDEAS!!!**
 - b. Some ideas brainstormed at meeting: Mr. Owsley as the Elf on the Shelf, class art projects display on fence, bobcat costume in drop off/pick up lines, class tree/plant to be decorated and displayed along 60th, some sort of “wall of fame” like our Veteran’s wall but with the kids (achievements, kindness, serving, pets, etc.), gallery of kids artwork on the PTO website, cups in the fence with pictures of kids or something along those lines.
- c) CCUSD Tax Credit Donation Program Form:
 - a. You can find the form and more information on the CCUSD website:
<https://www.ccusd93.org/Page/4775>
 - b. Should be receiving a copy in the mail; watch for emails for more information
 - c. Not sure where to direct your donation? Checking “Programs Most in Need” will allow us to allocate the funds where needed.
 - d. We will not be fundraising as a PTO like we usually do this year so this is a great way to support BMES!!
- d) Parent Questions:
 - a. Do we know Dr. Burdick’s last day? Yes, end of the calendar year. In-coming Superintendent Dr. Cort Monroe will begin his term on January 1, 2021.
- e) Email Matt Owsley with any other questions (see contacts at bottom).

Treasurers Report –Nicole Kremer (PTO Treasurer)

- a) Digital Learning Funds: \$5250 budgeted, divided between the grades; \$2607 balance remained when returned to in-person learning, reallocated to classes for PBL activities.
- b) Teacher Grants: \$200 per teacher for additional classroom needs budgeted
- c) Voice Amplifiers: purchased for all teachers to assist when wearing masks (\$1635 approved/spent)

- d) Typical expenditures are not occurring, so funds are being reallocated to “COVID Needs” to purchase supplies for classes and the school as needed.
- e) \$7300 approved for an additional Aide to help at lunch and recess
- f) Who’s Reading fundraiser: \$5640 raised
- g) Direct Donations: \$12,581.45 raised so far
- h) Birthday Blasts, Spirit Store, Kroger/Fry’s, Amazon Smile, Community Partnerships: \$2500+ combined
- i) 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!

6:45 pm: Old Business -- Jessica Spencer (PTO President)

- a) Who’s Reading Read-athon:
 - a. Goal of \$10,000 but only raised \$5640. Still a great fundraiser!
- b) First Responders Day:
 - a. We had to do things a differently this year, but feedback was that it was still a great event. Thank you to the First Responders!!
- c) Spirit Nights: Chipotle, Rubios, Mod Pizza
 - a. Passive fundraising is the way of things this year. (Thank you to Trish Ponterio for her on-site reporting of the Mod Pizza event during this meeting)
- d) Amazon Smile/Box Tops/Fry’s/Tuft n Needle: more passive fundraising opportunities to help BMES. Find more information on the BMES website: <https://www.bmespto.org/fundraising.html>

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

- a) Bobcats Give Back – 12/5/20:
 - a. Look for emails and Sign Up Genius to volunteer and/or donate!
- b) BMES Science Night – 1/29/21:
 - a. Not a PTO sponsored event
 - b. Ideas wanted for virtual events/activities.
 - c. If you know any organizations with great virtual programs that might be related (STEM, astronomy, wildlife, etc.) and open to work with us, let us know!
- c) Boosterthon – 2/2021:
 - a. Will be done virtually this year as a Dance-athon: dancing in the classrooms (instead of laps in the gym or the outdoor obstacle course we had planned)
 - b. They are partnering with Dance Dance Revolution company
 - c. Prizes by level again
 - d. More information to come.
- d) Financial Literacy Program:
 - a. Still on hold for now as we cannot allow volunteers on campus/in classroom.
 - b. Will reassess as year goes on.
- e) Community Partnerships:
 - a. See the PTO website and the BMES Facebook page for upcoming events.
 - b. Looking into a possible Gift Card sales program.

- f) Hospitality Committee:
 - a. Working on creative ways to encourage our staff with little treats monthly
- g) Spirit Store Happenings:
 - a. Store is now available online: https://www.bmespto.org/store/c8/Spirit_Store.html
 - b. Boo-grams were a success this year!

7:19 pm: Meeting Adjourned – Jessica Spencer (PTO President)

Questions?

Contact Matt Owsley – BMES Principal: mowsley@ccusd93.net

Contact BMES PTO: bmespto@ccusd93.net

<https://www.bmespto.org/>

Meeting Attendee

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