

BMES PTO General Meeting

Date: May 5, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

10 in Attendance (Listed at Bottom)

6:06 pm: Meeting Called to Order/Introduction of Board and Attendees -- Jessica Spencer (PTO President)

6:09 pm: Treasurers Report –Jessica Spencer on behalf of Nicole Kremer (PTO Treasurer)

- a) Distance Learning Grants
 - a. Originally: \$5249 budgeted, \$2642 spent, \$2607 remaining and reallocated
 - b. Reallocated: \$2586 budgeted, \$120 spent, \$2466 remaining
 - c. Not part of our typical yearly budget, but due to COVID-restrictions on events, we were able to provide this grant to teachers for distance learning materials at the start of the school year.
- b) 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!

6:16 pm: Old Business -- Jessica Spencer (PTO President)

- a) Staff Appreciation (happening this week)
 - a. Hospitality Committee are providing lunches all week for staff.
 - b. Every staff member's "door" was decorated this week to show appreciation.
 - c. Thank you to families for all the donations over the school year!
- b) 6th Grade Signs/Shirts
 - a. Sales were lower than expected based on initial interest; there will still be a few available after delivery (more information to come).
 - b. "6th Grade Walk" WILL be taking place this year.

6:31 pm: New Business -- Jessica Spencer (PTO President)

- a) Spring Silent Auction
 - a. In lieu of a Spring festival, we will be holding an online auction for various themed baskets collected by all grade levels/donated by BMES families.
 - b. Auction launches Monday 5/10/21 at 8:00 am and will be open to BMES families and friends (general public cannot bid on time-with-teacher auction items).

6:45 pm: Principal's Report –Principal Matt Owsley

- a) Science Night

- a. We pushed this back to see where things ended up with COVID restrictions; does not look like we will be able to do the live event we hoped for but instead will be doing a virtual presentation of classes' PBL projects.
- b) "Graduation/Promotions"
 - a. Kindergarten and Pre-School graduation will take place this year.
 - b. 6th Grade Promotion and "Walk" will take place on the last day of school.
 - i. using HS stadium to allow for social distancing of families
 - ii. 6th families should watch for Matt's email for details
 - c. Human Growth and Development – 4th, 5th, and 6th Grades
 - i. Classes will happen this week.
 - ii. Permission forms were sent out already.
 - d. We are still growing in our enrollment numbers at BMES.
 - e. Masks at BMES for Next School Year – A Common Parent Question
 - i. This is up to the District/Board, so we will have to wait and see where numbers are at in the fall.
- c) Parent Questions
 - a. "New Hires Info?"
 - i. We do have a few positions open
 - ii. We have hired a new Drama teacher to replace Mrs. Litman, who is moving on to other opportunities
 - iii. We are still interviewing for other positions (Music, Special Education).
 - b. "Why can't the parents' wishes for wearing of masks at school be decided by them? Why does that have to come from an outside/higher up person?"
 - i. Ultimately this comes through the District. The Governing Board makes the final decisions and sets the District Policy. Their decisions are based on input from the Superintendent, from the recommendation of the Maricopa County Board of Health, and medical professionals. They take all the information as well as input from families into consideration when making and revising policies.
- d) Email Matt Owsley with any other questions (see contacts at bottom).

7:22 pm: New Business (continued) -- Jessica Spencer (PTO President)

- a) Spirit Store
 - a. Basic online ordering this year has gone well.
 - b. We didn't do a special item this year but are looking for suggestions for next year. Contact PTO with your apparel or item suggestions.
- b) Executive Board Positions for 2021-2022
 - a. If you are interested in a position on the BMES PTO Executive Board, contact PTO via the email below to get your name on the ballot. Ballots coming out soon.
- c) PTO Event Calendar Approval for 2021-2022
 - a. General Events proposed based on the assumption of a "normal" year but may change depending on needs and district policy for coming school year.
 - b. Call for vote made
 - c. Unanimous approval of calendar of events

7:43 pm: Meeting Adjourned – Jessica Spencer (PTO President)

Questions?

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

Contact BMES PTO: bmespto@ccusd93.net

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Meeting Attendees

Jessie Spencer

Alissa Letendre

Elise Snyder

Vince Carlson

Patricia Ponterio

Joann Paradies

Mandi Holland

Stefni Esquibel

Olga Barker

Matt Owsley