PTA General Meeting

October 2, 2018 at 7:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Burnt Mills Elementary School PTA met on October 2, 2018 in the All Purpose Room. PTA President, Mike Miehl, thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Mr. Miehl introduced a short video from PTO Today titled “Parent Involvement Matters!”. After the video, PTA Board members in attendance were introduced. Attendees were made aware of the agenda/meeting notes format (Addendum 1).

PTA Board members in attendance were:

Dr. Ashton, BMES Principal; Troy Clarke, BMES Assistant Principal; Michael Miehl, PTA President; Smitha Mortis, PTA Vice President; Patti Carey, PTA Secretary; Keishana Myrie-Smith, PTA Treasurer; Kim Hannum, PTA Fundraising Chair; Seyi Badmus, PTA Membership Chair; Theresa Chin, PTA Cultural Arts Chair; Rebecca Taylor, NAACP Delegate; Rachel Tate, MCCPTA Delegate; and Kimberly Fink, MCCPTA Delegate.

Teachers in attendance included: Marymac Hoffman and previously mentioned Theresa Chin and Rachel Tate.

Parent attendees totaled thirty-one (excluding PTA board members) according to sign-in sheets. A quorum was present.

1. BUDGET
2. Keishana Myrie-Smith, Treasurer, provided an overview of the 2018-19 PTA budget including line items that were increased from the previous year budget (mini grant and field trip assistance increased from $1200 to $1400 per year, cultural arts assemblies, from $2000 to $2500 and staff appreciation $1200 to $1400)
3. Kim Hannum made the motion to vote to approve the budget. Doris Chavez seconded that motion. Quorum voted to approve the budget.
4. Keishana Myrie-Smith also introduced the idea of using PayPal to collect online payments for membership, fundraising, and donations. In order to use PayPal a vote from the general membership is required. Kim Hannum made the motion to vote to approve the use of PayPal. Vanita Penn seconded the motion. A fee is assessed per transaction and these fees will be accounted for in a new budget line-item. Quorum voted to approve the use of PayPal.
5. FUNDRAISING
6. Mike Miehl, PTA President, gave an overview of our fundraising efforts including everyday and upcoming fundraisers, Hot Cocoa Fun Run and Election Day Bake Sale.
7. Kim Hannum, PTA Fundraising Chair, is seeking anyone interested in helping on the Hot Cocoa Fun Run committee.
8. Election Day Bake Sale will need volunteers to sell baked goods and volunteers to bake or buy baked goods. A suggestion from the membership included accepting donations of money (to put towards purchase of baked goods). Carrie Grundmayer will chair the Bake Sale.
9. MCCPTA updates

Rachel Tate, MCCPTA Delegate, provided an overview of upcoming MCCPTA initiatives and activities.

1. ADVOCACY
2. Mike Miehl, PTA President, referred to the meeting notes for current advocacy issues.
3. If any BMES students are interested in testifying at upcoming public hearings regarding the FAA policy, please contact the BMES PTA.
4. OTHER COMMENTS:
5. Mike Miehl, PTA President, commented on the tentative Pumpkin Patch. The Pumpkin Patch was formerly run by BMES, but will be run by PTA this year. The event is still tentative for October 22nd due to the weather and its effect on the yield of pumpkins.
6. Dr. Vanita Penn, Box Tops Coordinator, reminded PTA membership about the upcoming Box Tops submission deadline of October 19th.
7. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Danielle Wilson-Saddler from Parent Academy presented the “MCPS at a Glance” to give PTA members an overview of MCPS and resources available. Presentation will be forwarded to PTA Google group.

1. RAFFLE

Two BMES Spirit Wear t-shirts were raffled to PTA members at the end of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Carey, PTA Secretary