PTA General Meeting

February 13, 2018 at 7:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Burnt Mills Elementary School PTA met on February 13, 2018 in the All Purpose Room. PTA President, Mike Miehl, thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

PTA Board members in attendance were Dr. Ashton, BMES Principal; Michael Miehl, PTA President; Doris Chavez, PTA Vice President; Patti Carey, PTA Secretary; Margaret Holt, PTA Treasurer; Kim Hannum, PTA Fundraising Chair; Seyi Badmus, PTA Membership Chair; Theresa Chin, PTA Cultural Arts Chair; Dr. Vanita Penn, MCCPTA Delegate.

Guests in attendance include Dr. Tiffany Gavin (BMES parent and pediatric dentist) and Veronica Lagaretta (BMES parent and fitness instructor). \_\_\_\_ from the White Oak Community Recreation Center is also here to share their programs with families.

Teachers/staff in attendance include: Deneen Gordon, Parent Community Coordinator; Dr. Felicia Lively, music teacher; and teachers Crystal Parker, Kathy Powell, Heidi Garcia, and Marcie Zuniga.

Parent attendees totaled twenty-five (excluding PTA board members) according to sign-in sheets.

Total attendance was twenty-five individuals.

1. INTRODUCTIONS
2. PTA board members present were introduced with name and title.
3. Special guests were introduced and will address attendees after PTA business.
4. PTA BUSINESS
5. The PTA budget is in good standing. PTA recently gave $200 to BMES to purchase the bins for the 2018 MLK Day of Service Toy Drive. Indoor recess toy bins are now being used in the classrooms. Dr. Ashton thanked the PTA for their support of this successful toy drive.
6. The PTA has over 100 members (families and faculty). BMES PTA recently received two recognitions from MCCPTA for exceeding our 2016-17 membership numbers.
7. Michael Miehl, PTA President, reported to attendees on various fundraising efforts.
8. Upcoming/ongoing fundraisers
9. KidSuff coupon books are currently on sale from February 12-26th. Books cost $15 and $6 goes directly to BMES PTA.
10. The next Box Tops for Education collection due date is February 16th. Box Tops can be submitted in a baggie to our Box Tops mailbox in the school lobby.
11. BMES PTA will host a dine out fundraiser at Chiptole (Four Corners location) on February 20th from 4-8pm. Half of the proceeds will be donated to BMES PTA.
12. The PTA is holding its READ-A-THON fundraiser from March 1-22nd. More information will be forthcoming via the Wednesday folders.
13. The PTA continues to ask for community participation in our everday fundraisers with Certifikid, Giant A+, and Amazon Smile.
14. The 5th grade class’ Happy Gram fundraiser ends tomorrow, February 14th. Dr. Ashton reports that the fundraiser has brought in more than $1000 thus far.
15. Mike Miehl, PTA President, discussed the advocacy issues that the PTA is focused on at the moment.
16. On January 23, 2018 the PTA held a meeting with Board of Education members and Tom Hucker, County Council member to discuss the revision of the CIP process and ranking of schools in need of improvements. While this meeting was beneficial, BMES PTA must continue to advocate our wishes for updates/expansion to our school building. This spring the BOE will come out with new recommendations that will be open for public comment.
17. Action in Montgomery (AIM) will be holding a meeting/training event on March 13, 2018 at 7pm. BMES PTA is asking for at least 15 individuals to attend this meeting.
18. Ayize Sabater reiterated Mike Miehl’s request for individuals to attend the March 13th AIM meeting. He addressed the attendees regarding the parent involvement survey he is conducting. He is coordinating focus group meetings for his survey and would like participants.
19. The PTA will hold a spring social event (movie night) on Friday, April 13th with doors opening at 5:30pm. Movie will start at 6pm.
20. The PTA-sponsored cultural arts program, Step Afrika, was postponed until May 3rd due to a January snow day.
21. HEALTH & WELBEING
22. Mike Miehl, PTA President, introduced the next segment of the meeting – Health & Wellbeing. The PTA would like to start a Health & Wellness Committee that would focus on health issues facing our students at school, home and the community. Mike led the group in a brief brainstorming activity to gather ideas, concerns, and suggestions regarding health issues facing our children. Issues raised include: lice policy/treatment, offering healthy food choices, and handwashing and/or hand sanitizer before eating lunch. Write-in (via note cards) concerns included: proper rest/sleep for children and mindfulness.
23. Dr. Tiffany Gavin, BMES parent and pediatric dentist, educated the attendees on pediatric dental issues.
24. Veronica Lagaretta, BMES parent, led the attendees in a lively and fun fitness demonstration.

Door prizes were raffled to attendees. Prizes included dental bags, hygiene bags, and t-shirts (courtesy of Veronica Lagaretta). Free samples (Hyland’s Cough N’ Cold) were made available to parents courtesy of PTO Today.

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Carey, PTA Secretary