PTA General Meeting

December 4, 2018 at 7:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Burnt Mills Elementary School PTA met on December 4, 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. PTA Board members in attendance were introduced. Attendees were made aware of the handouts available at the sing-in table which included: agenda/meeting notes, copies of the October minutes, and everyday fundraising flier.

PTA Board members in attendance were: Dr. Ashton, BMES Principal; Troy Clarke, BMES Assistant Principal; Michael Miehl, PTA President; Patti Carey, PTA Secretary; Keishana Myrie-Smith, PTA Treasurer; Kim Hannum, PTA Fundraising Chair; Seyi Badmus, PTA Membership Chair; Jazmin Moral, PTA Advocacy Chair; Theresa Chin, PTA Cultural Arts Chair; Rebecca Taylor, NAACP Delegate; Rachel Tate, MCCPTA Delegate; Deneen Gordon, Parent Community Coordinator; and Dan Wallace, Community Member.

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

1. MINUTES

Mike Miehl, PTA President, asked if there were any questions or revisions to be made to the October 2018 meeting minutes (posted online and available in hard copy at this meeting). No questions or revisions were noted and would be able to be approved. Kim Hannum made the motion to approve the October 2018 meeting minutes. Theresa Chin seconded that motion. Quorum voted to approve the minutes.

1. MEMBERSHIP

The PTA has over 100 members thus far! If you haven’t joined already, please do so. We’re a stronger PTA with more members.

1. BUDGET
2. Keishana Myrie-Smith, Treasurer, reported that the PTA budget is in good standing. We are poised to fund 2-3 cultural arts programs this year.
3. PayPal is now available for paying membership dues via the PTA website. We will also use PayPal for fundraising events.
4. PTA sponsored the Pumpkin Patch Day at Burnt Mills this year.
5. FUNDRAISING
6. Mike Miehl, PTA President, thanked attendees for supporting our fall fundraisers including the Custom Ink Spirit Wear, Hot Cocoa Fun Run, and Election Day Bake Sale.
7. Please continue to support the everyday fundraisers via Amazon Smile, Giant A+ rewards, and Certikid. Please remember while holiday shopping to use the Amazon Smile link.
8. The Burnt Mills Community Association is also holding a fundraiser that will help support BMES. We will gather more information and make it available on the PTA website.
9. MCCPTA updates

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

1. Board of Education CIP hearings were held in early November and Burnt Mills had several representatives.
2. On December 13, 2018 the Board of Directors will meet at Julius West MS at 6:30 PM. This is open to the public if you would like to attend.
3. BMES was selected to pilot the new math curriculum in May. We will know which product was selected in January.
4. OTHER COMMENTS:
5. Mike Miehl, PTA President, reminded attendees about the upcoming movie night on December 7, 2018 featuring Elf. Doors open at 5:30 PM and movie begins at 6 PM.
6. Mike Miehl also reviewed the upcoming meeting dates. Attendees were asked if there were particular topics/speakers that they would like to see at upcoming meetings. Ideas generated included: afterschool enrichment activities, mindfulness, zones of regulation, MD 529 student savings plans, and parent engagement/Ayize Sabatar.
7. Dr. Ashton, BMES Principal, gave a brief update including the Principal;s Newsletter will be sent out electronically on Wednesday, December 5th which will include information about the Maryland Report Card.
8. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

Newly elected Board of Education members, Karla Silvestre and Brenda Wolff, were welcomed to the PTA meeting. They gave a brief introduction of their backgrounds, an overview of what the Board of Education does, then welcomed any questions/comments from attendees.

1. RAFFLE

Two BMES Spirit Wear t-shirts and two scented candles were raffled to attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Carey, PTA Secretary