PTA General Meeting

March 5, 2019 at 7:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Burnt Mills Elementary School PTA met March in the All Purpose Room. PTA President, Mike Miehl, thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Attendees were made aware of the handouts available at the sign-in table which included: agenda/meeting notes, copies of the February minutes, and other handouts.

PTA Board members in attendance were: Dr. Ashton, Principal; Troy Clarke, Assistant Principal; Michael Miehl, PTA President; Smitha Mortia, PTA Vice President; Patti Carey, PTA Secretary; Keishana Myrie-Smith, PTA Treasurer; Kim Hannum, PTA Fundraising Chair; Seyi Badmus, PTA Membership Chair; Rebecca Taylor, NAACP Delegate; and Deneen Gordon, Parent Community Coordinator.

Parent attendees totaled 22 (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 February 2019 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 February 2019 meeting minutes. Rebecca Taylor seconded that motion. Quorum voted to approve the minutes.

1. PTA BUSINESS

In order to allow enough time for our special presentation by Blue Heron on Mindfulness, Mike Miehl made attendees aware that all important PTA news concerning membership, budget, fundraising, and advocacy could be found in the PTA meeting notes handout (see addendum 1). Below are the highlights mentioned in the meeting:

* Read-a-thon – Our Read-a-thon fundraiser will take place on March 7-28th. PTA is holding a kick-off assembly on March 6th featuring Brian Curry’s Book Club Magic. PTA’s goal for fundraiser is to raise $3,500 and increase participation among students.
* Events – BMES PTA will take part in March Madness Fam Jam on March 16th at Paint Branch High School. This is fun, family event is a collaboration among 7 local PTAs. Flyers will be sent home via tomorrow’s Wednesday folder and electronically via ConnectEd.
* Advocacy – Two important events are taking place in March. On March 11th there will be a March for Schools taking place in Annapolis. On March 14th, we ask Burnt Mills families to come to the AIM Action Day. Burnt Mills would like to bring 50 people to the event and we need one parent to testify. Ebony Conteras volunteered to attend and testify at the AIM Action Day.
* Elections for PTA Board positions will take place at our May 7th PTA meeting. We are currently seeking candidates for President, Secretary, Fundraising Chair and Membership Chair.

1. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

* Hannah Leatherbury led an open discussion on the practice of Mindfulness for the group. We held a guided practice session with a brief question/comment period following.

1. RAFFLE

Two BMES Spirit Wear t-shirts were raffled to attendees, as well as a gift certificate from Blue Heron Wellness

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Carey, PTA Secretary