

Butler Middle School PTSA Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2019

In Attendance: Liz Maravilla, Vanessa Nelson, Kellie Ungricht, Jenny Morison, Lois Kristensen, Eric Jensen, Shannan Erickson, Lindsey Kraatz, LeeAnn Ehrhart, Laurel Miller-Jones, Jennifer Atwood, Tatiana Grant, Carolann Heindel, Monica Meyer, Caroline Bagley, Heather Nelson, Sara Allen, Stacie Skelton, Paula Logan, Jessica Green.

Volunteer Hours stated on attendance roll: 39

1. Welcome - Liz Maravilla 10:06 AM

2. PTSA Administration

a. Secretary - Kellie Ungricht, motion to approve the minutes from last meeting.

Liz Approved.

i. Need complete list of student members to add to the email list.

Won't get this for a couple of weeks from Ladena.

ii. Need to update PTSA Board email list.

Will get list in a couple of weeks.

b. Regular Monthly Treasurer's Report - Vanessa Nelson

She will have the budget for approval for next month's meeting. We will allocate \$2000 for each department in the school of the money the PTA earns. We will be asking for a wish list from them.

c. Membership Report - Caroline Bagley

No membership report yet.

3. Principal's Report - Paula Logan, Principal and Sara Allen, Assistant Principal

We've had a great and smooth start so far. She asked for feedback on having back to school night before the school year started this year. Everyone in attendance said they liked it. They liked knowing what to do and get before school started. The parents of new students liked seeing the school beforehand. It was so well attended that they ran out of parking.

The other change she asked for feedback about was the no cell phones policy. Everyone loved that new rule. Sara said they've noticed that students were talking and reading more at lunch. Liz said the kids that don't have a cell phone like it because their friends are socializing with them more and they are on the same playing field. Teachers noticed the kids are paying attention better without that distraction. The new policy is being enforced well.

SCC is starting up.

Fees and Schedules should be wrapping up this next week as schedules are finalized. There will be a new math consumable fee. \$20 per student for 9 workbooks. This will be discounted for students participating in free and reduced lunch. They are looking into online materials instead of printed in the future.

Watch D.O.G.S - Sara needs a proposal of how we would use the volunteers. Liz will get that proposal to Sara.

Do people read the Bruin Bite? Parents will sometimes ask for information that is in there already. Can it be translated into different languages? No, it takes too long. Parents can copy and paste it into google translate to get the gist of it.

4. **Counselor's Report - Tatiana Grant and Carolann Heindel**

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They need 60-75 volunteers. It is a fun volunteer experience. Sign-up genius will go out.

They are revamping the college and career awareness program this month. It is no longer a pre-set program, the counselors get to set their own program this year. 6th grade is at the beginning of the year and 8th grade is later in the year.

Sept. 16th No Boundaries - 30 kids from 8th grade will get to listen to speakers about non-traditional jobs for boys and girls - for example a female firefighter will speak.

There will be a presentation this month in the 7th grade english classes about stress, coping and planning ahead.

5. **Teacher's Report -**

6. **Student Report - Jenny Morison**

Sept. 13th at 8:30 AM is the first Student Council Meeting (Student PTSA)

They will be electing officers, talking about upcoming activities and playing get-to-know-you games.

Any student can attend meetings but they must be a registered PTSA member to be an officer. Have them bring a friend! There will be donuts or other treat at the meetings!

This year they will be focused on service projects and will have a mini leadership lesson at each meeting.

7. **PTSA Upcoming Calendar Items**

a. **Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-31 - Jenny Morrison, Alex Lambert**

We will talk about that next month.

b. **Reflections - Eric Jensen**

Theme is Look Within. He needs to find out when the deadline is and get flyers out.

c. **Reality Town - Liz Maravilla**

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8. PTSA Projects

a. **Memory book - Becky Noel**

This is our fundraiser again for this year. Becky needs a small committee of parents to help with this (students will not be helping this year because it is too complicated and time consuming, unless a group of parents really wants to head that up). It will be a busy job only in April. We need everyone to take pictures of their kids AT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES and send them to bmsmemorybook@gmail.com

b. **Membership Partner nights - LeeAnn Ehrhart**

Mod Pizza had a great turnout. They haven't gotten us the actual numbers yet due to the manager being in an accident, but will get them soon. It worked well because we had great advertising and support. Thank you for that! Last year we made \$170 at Mod Pizza, hopefully more this year. They will send us a check for our earnings.

The next partnership nights:

Wednesday, Sept. 25th. 4-8 PM. We will hand out flyers at PT conferences and send it out on the same media we did with Mod Pizza.

October 22nd will be at Zuppas

Trying to get Jersey Mikes, Liz would like to have lunch hours too for parents that want to take themselves out to lunch.

Other options for partners are: Fire House Subs, The Habit, Papa Johns (but probably not because they only give us 15%), Zero Pizza, Spitz, Crumble, Noodles, Panda Express, Barbacoa. Check Traders Joes notice board that donates to the community. We would like to use places within Cottonwood Heights to keep the money local.

c. **GREAT Bruins Store - Stacie Skelton**

She will collect box tops and redeem those.

The GREAT Store is an incentive based store where kids will get rewarded GREAT cards for good behavior which they can redeem at the store during lunch time once a month. (It seems to work best with the 6th graders.)

She is having a hard time finding things in the right price point for the GREAT

store. It might be more food based this year. Please bring in any donations from parents work, etc. (pencils, stress balls, or whatever with company logos). Also bring in any gently used items you have that you would like to donate to the GREAT store. If you see something that is under \$1 that you think would be good item for the store, you can buy it and fill out a reimbursement form and give it to Stacie or Vanessa.

Stacie is looking for a replacement person for this position by January when she goes back to work. She will train them. It is maybe a 3 hour time commitment once a month during the store and time buying things and bringing them in.

She is hoping for new colors for the GREAT cards so students can't use ones from last year.

Stacie will get the exact dates for the store and email out a sign-up Genius for volunteers. She needs 6-8 volunteers each time.

d. Spirit Wear - Anita Maw

Friday Sept. 13th is the cut off for ordering spirit wear.

We will send the order in to be printed on Monday September 16th.

People can get the order form in the office.

9. Other Misc. Items

- a. Still need a President Elect for next year and PTSA Advocacy person. President Elect would just shadow the current president this year and would become the PTSA president next year. It is about 2 hour a week time commitment except the week before school starts for the year. It is a good position if you want to know what is going on. Your voice will be heard and you can really make a difference.

The PTSA Advocacy position is just forwarding emails about legislation that has to do with schools. And you have the option to attend Capitol Day.

Paula Logan - They are going to check ID's from now on for any person volunteering or coming into the school for any reason. They will be checked in the main office and will need to get a visitor's badge to wear while they are in the school.

10. Adjoined - 11:02 AM

*******Next Meeting October 2 at 10am**

Approved Minutes on _____ day of _____ 2019 at the PTSA Board Meeting

BMS PTSA Secretary

Date