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## BEA PTA - BOARD MEETING September 17, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 8:16 am by Michelle Adams via Zoom. There were 17 members in attendance.

### **President's Report – Michelle Adams**

- Motion to approve the August 19, 2021 minutes – 1<sup>st</sup> motion Wendy Heath, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion Terrie Lobb. Approved by board.
- It was mentioned that Ms. Albritton is looking for some parent volunteers to help with the Bookfair that will be held September 30, 2021 – October 8, 2021. A signup genius will be set up to help coordinate time slots available.

### **Membership Report– Tonya Akwetey**

- 122 completed memberships and 22 completed teacher memberships to date
- Mrs. Williams currently has 5 parent memberships with Mrs. Laird having 8 parent memberships.
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade has a total of 26 memberships.
- Tonya mentioned that she would get back with the Board on the top teachers for K-2 and 3-5.
- Terrie Lobb suggested that a membership & dollar denim form not be sent back out to parents at this time due to duplicate applications they are receiving but suggested on sending out an email just to the teachers to remind them to sign up to get them entered in the drawing for the lunch.

### **Treasurer's Report – Terrie Lobb**

- The no uniform pass was a great fundraiser. A couple of students did return to school on Wednesday wearing no uniform but did not appear to be a major issue with the office.
- Motion to approve the Financial Report for August 2021 - 1<sup>st</sup> motion Wendy Heath, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion Jennifer Bennett. Approved by board.
  - Total Income: \$6,293.86
  - Total expenses: \$1,064.26
  - Current Checking balance: \$15,161.72
  - Savings: \$6,002.05
- We have exceeded the budget for the membership dues so far this year.
- The funds in the savings account is set aside for Ipad purchases if we don't get any reimbursement from the District on the smart boards we already purchased for the school.

### **Principal's Report – Dr. Tracy Nelson & Ms. Jones**

- 550 registered students at BEA for the 2021-2022 school year
- 29 students have left BEA to attend Polk Virtual or Florida Virtual. BEA has to hold the spots for students that left to Polk Virtual until the next school year.
- 16 students currently quarantined and 2 teachers currently quarantined
- Building 7 new AC units have been installed.

- Star test (Math) will finish up this week
- Dr. Nelson has not heard back from the District on reimbursement for the smart boards purchased by the PTA.
- 9/22 will be “Dads take your child to school” and the PTA will need to provide the granola bars for this event.

#### **Fundraising Report – Talesha Clements**

- We are looking at holding an online auction to replace the Fall Festival. Each class will make a basket for the auction. Each teacher would pick a theme for the basket such as movie night, BBQ night, beach night, game night or etc.
- Wendy Heath was asked to help with this fundraiser to work on the logistics for the online portion.
- 11/19 will be the Turkey trot. Wendy mentioned that last year’s event was partnered with P/E so that we may want to reach out to P/E to see if that can be done again.
- Suggestions to help the Turkey trot get some excitement would be to have a bubble machine, popsicles, band and cheerleaders.

#### **Special Events - Terrie Lobb**

- Upcoming Spirit Nights:
  - October 20, 2021 – Chicken Shack
  - November 17, 2021 – Open
  - December 15, 2021 – Marco’s but need to confirm with Marco’s
- DQ was another success as the parking lot seemed very busy. We do not have the total amount at this time but Terrie will update as soon as she gets the check.
- Terrie is going to check with the art teacher to see if she is willing to help with the Marco’s pizza box fundraiser sometime in the spring.
- Mrs. Bullard suggested Mulberry Ice cream shop for a spirit night. Jennifer Bennett and Jessica Correll will work on contacting the owner to see if they are willing to participate on November 17, 2021.
- It was also recommended that we may have more than 1 spirit night at different locations each month. Terrie asked for volunteers to reach out to restaurants in the area to secure these extra days.
- Main Street Bartow is starting movie night in October and it was decided that we wanted to participate in this event. Terrie will get back to the board on the cost to participate and the exact date.

#### **Hospitality: Brittney Warren**

- Tentative Date for Thanksgiving Desserts: November 18, 2021
- Tentative Date for Christmas Lunch: December 16, 2021
- Hospitality will put the labels on the granola bars for the “Dads take your child to school” event
- 11/10 Veteran’s Day drive thru 8am – 8:30am. We need to plan for about 30-40 goody bags or specialty cookies for this event.
- A suggestion was made for shirts to be ordered for this year teacher appreciation gifts.

#### **Swap Shop: Latisha Cook**

- Appointment only but a suggestion was made to open it up on early release days.
- Need volunteers to help organize the closet. Latisha will work on getting a signup date and times together.

#### **Old/New Business**

**The next PTA Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 8:15am.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:25am by Michelle Adams.**

#### **Members attended:**

- Michelle Adams, Terrie Lobb, Jessica Correll, Jennifer Bennett, Latisha Cook, Tonya Akwetey, Vereuch Simmons, Dr. Tracy Nelson, Michelle Eddy, Nikki Jones, Talesha Clements, Angela Lopez, Trisha Mamani, Amber Lang, Brittany Warren, Wendy Heath and Patricia Katsoulis.