

BVES PTA Board Meeting
January 9, 2019
BVES Cafeteria

Those in attendance: Melissa Bache, Kristen Belflower, Margo Bezemer, Lindsay Chastain, Dana Lanning, Kathryn McGrath, Marissa Moore, Kristi Moreno, Jen Rosenfeld, Darcy Schwalm, Ashley Slagel

** Marissa called the meeting to order at 9:36 AM.

- Marissa asked for approval of the December 2018 Board Meeting Minutes. Darcy Schwalm made the motion to approve, and Kristen Belflower provided the second. All were in favor and none were opposed so the minutes were approved.

- Principal's Report:
 1. Mrs. McFadden reported on behalf of the Administration, as Mr. Burgess is attending a Principal's Meeting. She noted that 2019 is off to a great start!
 2. "Operation Get Smart" is taking place today with the 5th grade in the atrium. This is a state offered program where current inmates who have made poor choices come to speak to students, and explain how the choices they made negatively impacted their life and have had negative consequences.
 3. The 4th grade will have a busy few weeks. The Artist in Residence will be visiting the week of 1/22-1/25. The focus this year is on music. They will also travel to the Peace Center to view a performance, and a Colonial Day (held at BV) is also scheduled this month.
 4. Mrs. McFadden informed members that Mastery Connect testing will take place from 1/29-1/31. All 2nd through 5th graders will be tested in Math and ELA. Fourth graders will also take Science, and 5th graders will also take SS. Teachers will use the data from the test to focus on students' weaknesses.
 5. Together with PTA, the Administration has secured dates for the Fun Run pep rallies, and the excitement about the event is beginning to build.
 6. Mrs. McFadden mentioned that there will not be a school-wide Unity Day in January, but there will be one in February. The 1st grade will lead it, and it will focus on Black History Month. The date is to be determined.
 7. Mrs. McFadden informed the board that one of the 1st grade teachers has resigned due to extenuating family circumstances. They are actively trying to hire a replacement, but in the meantime a long-term substitute will be in the class until a new teacher is hired. The substitute is Jenny Wetterlund, and she is also a BV parent.
 8. As a new practice this year, the district is administering 5th graders with an IEP in Reading additional assessments to better place them in middle school ELA classes. These will be administered by the Special Education teachers. Middle School registration should begin late February/early March.

➤ Treasurer's Report (Kristi Moreno):

1. Kids Helping Kids went very well. We raised over \$3600 in donations. We were able to help 60 kids. All shoppers have been reimbursed. Many of the kids were sponsored by shoppers, so after reimbursements, we still currently have \$2,507 to spend. All the money raised will be used this year to help Buena Vista kids in need. We plan first to provide gift certificates to the Spring Book Fair for both our Kids Helping Kids children and also our Backpack Buddies children like we did last year. We will then evaluate how to spend any remaining funds for other needs of the children.
2. The Fun Run is Friday, March 8th. Kristi will need volunteers to help count money the week after the run. She will let everyone know more details soon.
3. Kristi will begin to look at our budget for next year in February. Committee chairs can begin to think through any changes you will need to make, and let her know if any changes need to be made.

➤ President's Report (Marissa Moore):

1. Marissa mentioned that the League of Women Voters will hold a meeting on 1/24, from 6-8 pm, at J.L. Mann High School. The focus will be on the current teacher shortage and teacher retention. Dr. Royster will also speak.
2. The Riverside Tennis Club is offering BV board members a \$5 discount on tennis lessons/classes. Just mention that you are on the board to receive the discount.
3. The February board meeting is "Bring a Friend". Please consider bringing someone who is not active in the BVPTA but would be a great addition.
4. Buena Vista is starting a chapter of the "All Pro Dad's Day". An informational meeting is upcoming, so be on the lookout for the date and for more information.
5. The next GMM will be on 2/4, and it will be an International Night. In order to have plenty of time for the activities, the brief PTA meeting will begin at 6:15.
6. Marissa stated that over the Winter Break the signs from the Silent Auction have been put up. The sign for the back path is still in progress.
7. Marissa shared a thank you note from a staff member who was grateful for receiving money for a mini-grant.
8. Marissa encouraged members to be aware of the upcoming activities/events and directed them to the "Upcoming Dates" on the agenda.

➤ Committee Reports:

1. KHK (Kathryn McGrath) – Kathryn noted that KHK had a great year, and the program was able to help 60 children. She thanked everyone for their help and support. There were in excess of \$3600 in donations, and after all reimbursements, there is over \$2500 left to spend – which is an increase of about \$700 from last year.
2. President-Elect (Marissa, on behalf of Lauren Stroup) – Members should be on the lookout soon for a Google Form on which they will indicate their interests in serving on PTA for next year. Lauren is also in the process of forming a Nominating Committee to fill any vacancies. Members are encouraged to send names of people who might be helpful in this role to Lauren.

3. International Night (Margo Bezemer) – Margo informed members that International Night will be full of demonstrations, a fashion show, dance performances, and food tastings (located in the cafeteria). There has not been a lot of response to the Google Form that was sent out, but that could be possibly due to the timing of when it was sent. She will try to get it in the Newsflash in hopes to generate a greater response. Marissa also mentioned the possibility of placing the survey on Social Media.
4. Fun Run (Dana Lanning) – Dana noted that the date for the Fun Run is 3/8, and the theme this year is “Kindness is Magic”. There are two pep rallies scheduled for 3/1 – one for K-3rd, and one for 4th-5th. The magician that was at the Bobcat Bash will lead the pep rallies, and the 4th-5th grade pep rally will focus on anti-bullying. She will need help with the many duties/responsibilities of the Fun Run. She will send more information on the needs soon.
5. Yearbook (Kristen Belflower and Melissa Bache) – Kristen mentioned that a final push for Yearbook sales should be in the Newsflash this weekend. Parents have until 2/15 to purchase a yearbook. After that date, the only option to purchase one is first-come, first-serve when they arrive (with priority being given to 5th graders first). Melissa also noted that picture collection is going well, and that club pictures will be taken next Wednesday, 2/16.
6. Spirit Nights (Ashley Slagel) – Ashley reminded members that CFA Spirit Night is coming on 1/22, and that Student Council will help deliver meals to those that dine-in. She also mentioned the upcoming Skate Days. Jersey Day will be 1/25, and Twin Day will be on 2/8.

** Marissa again thanked everyone for coming. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa Bache, Secretary