

BVES PTA Board Meeting

April 3, 2019

BVES Cafeteria

Those in attendance: Melissa Bache, Jena Baxter, Kristen Belflower, Margo Bezemer, Keri Dille, Raquel Garrido, Kellie Herlong, Dana Lanning, Marissa Moore, Kristi Moreno, Darcy Schwalm, Lindsey Smith

** Marissa called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

➤ Marissa asked for approval of the January 2019 Board Meeting Minutes. Kellie Herlong 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. Mr. Burgess addressed the Board by saying that PTA does great work and that our parents are extremely appreciative. He then informed the members that there are two teachers who will not be returning to Buena Vista next year. Mrs. Jenkins (5th) has accepted an Instructional Coach position. Mrs. Boyd (2nd) is moving homes and as a result will be working closer to her new home. He also informed the Board that the vacancy left by Mrs. Jenkins will be filled by Ms. Walters (currently in 3rd grade).
2. The school is attempting to become a professional development school with Furman University. In partnering with Furman, our teachers would receive additional resources that would strengthen their classroom approach, while also setting them up for leadership roles within the district. One example would be for Buena Vista to facilitate and host future district-wide training sessions. If this occurs, there is a possibility that the school may need the help of PTA. Currently our staff has a weekly "Tech-Mex" training, where members present to their peers technology innovations that they incorporate into their teaching. Teachers look forward to these sessions, so it is exciting to see what else is in store.
3. Mr. Burgess reported that all staff members have chosen to go through a Balanced Literacy training, with the hopes that the school-wide Reading scores will improve.
4. As we look forward to next school year, it has been determined that Buena Vista will have the following number of classes:
 - K5 – 5
 - 1st – 7
 - 2nd – 6
 - 3rd – 7
 - 4th – 6
 - 5th – 6

As of today we have 913 students enrolled. The final class sizes won't be determined until Fall, around the 10th day of attendance. Mr. Burgess also informed the Board that he is accepting letters from parents describing ideal classroom types for their students. He would like all letters to be turned in by May 1st.

5. Mr. Burgess encouraged members to obtain a copy of Upstate Parent magazine, as one of our 5th grade students (Jonah Davidson) is featured. He ended by thanking PTA again for the help we provide.

➤ Treasurer's Report (Kristi Moreno):

1. Fun Run – We have completed money collection and have paid all but a couple of small expenses. Our profit is a little over \$27,000. We are very pleased with this outcome and thank everyone for their support.
2. Budget Planning – We have held 3 budget meetings to help plan the budget for next school year. We anticipate a couple of small changes to the budget for next year, but most items will stay the same. Once the proposed 2019-20 budget is finalized, it will be presented for a vote at our May board meeting as well as the May general PTA meeting.
3. Turning in Receipts – Please turn in receipts as soon as possible, as we need to make sure we are as accurate as possible for what we present in May. Everything must be submitted and all checks written prior to June 30.

➤ President's Report (Marissa Moore):

1. BINGO is Friday night and the committee is ready. It will take place in the gym. The back path will be open to help alleviate some traffic issues.
2. Staff Appreciation Week – this will look similar to last year. Details will come as soon as they are finalized.
3. May General Membership Meeting – this will be on the evening of May 6th. After the meeting, Chorus will present its Spring Concert.
4. Upcoming Dates – please take note that the May Birthday Celebration has been moved to May 10th. Also, we added an additional Chick-fil-A Spirit Night on May 7th.
5. Marissa reminded members to look at the other “Upcoming Dates” located at the bottom of the agenda.

➤ Committee Reports:

5th Grade Day (Kellie Herlong & Jena Baxter) – Kellie mentioned that plans are progressing and that communication with parents will begin after Spring Break. The committee has secured a DJ for the event, and the t-shirt design is in its final stages. Shirts will be sold for \$5 each, which is consistent with past years. During the week of 4/22-5/3, they will collect money for shirts and also solicit help from parents who would like to help on the day of the event. There will be a kickball tournament, in addition to pick-up basketball games, and other games/stations (i.e. crafts). For the service project this year, they are going to have students place the rocks that were painted by last year's 5th graders in gardens around the campus. The committee is also working on the slideshow that will play at the beginning of 5th Grade Awards Day.

** Marissa again thanked everyone for coming. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa Bache, Secretary