

BVES PTA Board Meeting
November 14, 2018
BVES Cafeteria

Those in attendance: Amy Bolli, Keri Dille, Heather Gage, Raquel Garrido, Dana Lanning, Kathryn McGrath, Marissa Moore, Kristi Moreno, Margo Pons, Darcy Schwalm, Lauren Stroup

** Marissa called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

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

➤ Principal's Report:

1. Administration was unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. Burgess was away at a district principal's meeting, and Ms. McFadden was in Washington, D.C. with the fifth-grade field trip.

➤ Treasurer's Report (Kristi Moreno):

1. The mini-grant committee met a few weeks ago to review the applications submitted by teachers. There was a lot of interest this year. The committee received 13 applications and was able to fund 11 of the grants. Almost all of the \$4,000 allotted for mini-grants this year was awarded. Kristi noted that sometimes the final receipts come in less than the amount approved. Once final receipts are in, it will be determined if there is money left over to award further grants in the spring.
2. All expenses have been in line with the budget. PTA recently purchased 10 tailgate tents out of the grounds budget to use for various functions such as Carnival, Fun Run, 5th Grade Day, and Field Day.
3. Carnival went very well despite the weather. Final numbers are not in yet because we are still collecting money from the silent auction winners and still have some expenses to pay. Ticket sales were down some the night of Carnival, but the silent auction brought in over \$5,000 compared to \$2,000 last year, and raffle ticket sales also provided additional income. Therefore, total deposits for Carnival will end up being similar to last year, and final profit will depend on outstanding expenses. It appears we will net the \$11,000 budgeted for Carnival and probably more. Kristi asked for everyone to please turn in any Carnival related check requests as soon as possible so final numbers can be determined.

➤ President's Report (Marissa Moore):

1. Marissa thanked everyone for their help with the Carnival and the Silent Auction. She also thanked everyone for their flexibility in helping with Staff Lunch Break and Skate Day as the schedule had to be rearranged due to rescheduling Carnival.

Marissa could not recall it ever raining on the rain date for Carnival before, but she felt the backup plan was very successful.

2. The League of Women Voters will hold a public meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 6:00 pm to raise awareness about teacher shortages and to discuss concerns about teacher retention in South Carolina. Representatives from CERRA (the Center for Recruitment, Retention and Advancement) will provide information about how SC is being impacted and what programs are in place to help address the issues and concerns. Greenville County School District Superintendent, Burke Royster, will then discuss how the district is addressing these issues and the programs that are in place to ensure that we have quality teachers in all positions.
3. The South Carolina PTA's Historic House Committee has been working on preserving and restoring the South Carolina PTA house. The PTA house in Columbia is the official office of the SC PTA and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. As part of this refurbishing process, the committee is redoing the front walkway to the house and is encouraging PTA units and anyone else interested to purchase a brick for \$50 to be included in this "Unity Walk". The bricks can be engraved in special recognition of your group or individual. Members in attendance discussed the possibility of Buena Vista PTA purchasing a brick and felt this would be a good thing to consider.
4. The next General Membership PTA Meeting will be held Monday, December 3 at 6:30 pm and will be followed by a holiday Chorus concert as well as a 2nd grade program.

➤ Committee Reports:

1. Carnival (Lauren Stroup) – Lauren thanked everyone for their help at Carnival and noted that it was a big success. Lauren requested feedback on what worked well at Carnival this year as well as what didn't work well. Please let Lauren know if anyone has feedback or suggestions to consider. Several members also discussed how much they enjoyed the magician/balloon artist at Carnival. The possibility of working the magician and his shows into the Fun Run theme for this year was also discussed.
2. Silent Auction (Keri Dille) – Keri thanked everyone for all the donations. The number of items available for bidding increased greatly this year. Keri expressed that the grade level baskets were awesome. Keri noted that all items have been picked up now. She also shared that the Silent Auction brought in \$5,400 this year, and the car line raffle made almost \$500. PTA is currently working on ordering personalized street signs for the carline and back path auction winners as well as a reserved parking sign for the raffle winner.
3. Kids Helping Kids (Amy Bolli and Kathryn McGrath) – Amy and Kathryn shared that there are currently 52 students who need assistance and that it's possible a couple more will be added. Amy and Kathryn sent an email to those people who expressed interest in helping with KHK during volunteer sign ups at the beginning of the school year. Currently, they still need about 25 shoppers and are also looking for those interested in sponsoring children. Keri said she will add information to the

upcoming newsflash. Collection days for KHK donations will be Dec 4-7. All shoppers must turn in their gifts December 11.

4. Brain Builders (Marissa Moore for Shannon Kojah) – The Brain Builders tutoring program has begun and is going well. Marissa doesn't think there are any kids not assigned to a volunteer at this time.
5. Backpack Buddies (Margo Pons) – Margo informed the board that the participation in the food drive this week has been very low. Margo encouraged board members to please share and push the food drive among friends. This is important because the committee would like as many donations as possible in order to last until the next food drive, which is not scheduled until the end of January. It was decided to send a reminder through social media and extend the collection through Tuesday of next week, November 20. Margo said Backpack Buddies is currently serving 49 students.
6. School Store/Spirit wear (Raquel Garrido and Heather Gage) – Raquel and Heather reminded the board that a spirit wear sale is going on with all orders due Monday, November 19. Raquel and Heather were excited about a school wide spirit day that is new this year. Bobcat Day will be held December 14, and students are encouraged to dress up head-to-toe in their Bobcat gear on that day. The committee also plans to hold another spirit wear sale in the spring. Raquel and Heather also noted that school store sales are going well and reminded everyone that the school store will be closed during KHK collection week which is the first week of December.

** Marissa again thanked everyone for coming. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristi Moreno, Treasurer