

BVES Monthly Board Meeting
Thursday, November 2, 2017

Those in attendance: Jennifer Keller, Kristen Belflower, Kristi Moreno, Mara Robu, Marissa Moore, Melanie Dejong, Sheila Greene, Fallon Hogan, Megan Saltmarsh, Raquel Garrido, Mary Beth Spann, Heather Gage, Laura Garrett, Lindsey Smith, Kathleen Nielsen, Kellie Herlong, Barna Gupta, Michelle Willis, Ashley Slagel, Lauren Stroup, Melissa Bache, Darcy Schwalm, Loree Hartzog, and Keri Dille.

Meeting called to order at 9:35 am.

Melissa Bache, President, asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October's board meeting. Michelle Willis offered the motion and Kathleen Nielsen seconded. All were in favor and none were opposed. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The selection committee for mini grants met last week to select recipients. There were nine applicants and five were awarded. Kristi Moreno, Treasurer, mentioned that some of the mini grants had a literacy push which tied in well with our school's literacy outreach with Riverside Middle School through our SIC committee.

Carnival ticket sales are going well. Please turn in all receipts for expenditures. We would like to have expenses paid within a month. She would like to thank those volunteers who agreed to be runners or counters. She will meet you in the science lab.

President's Report:

BVES hosted a Lunch & Learn last month and it was very successful. Melissa has received a lot of positive feedback and also some suggestions for a future Lunch and Learn. There has been much interest in teaching Math the way our children are learning in school, and there is hope to conduct another Lunch & Learn to provide some guidance. Date and time is still to be determined. Stay tuned for details.

Carnival is tomorrow! We are busy with lots of prep work. It will be going on today and tomorrow if you're available to help. PDQ has generously agreed to partner with us again by providing all the chicken for carnival concessions. In return, we will support them with a Spirit Night that is scheduled for December 12. Santa will be there for the enjoyment of the kids and PDQ has also agreed to profit share from 2:30-close and will include drive through sales as well.

Fall Fundraiser:

This year's sales went well. Our coordinators, Megan and Laura, did a great job. They also unloaded five pallets of products quickly. On-site pickups were available yesterday and will continue today. Sales incentives and winners will be announced next week with redemption dates to be announced soon.

Spirit Nights:

We are partnering with the Greenville Swamp Rabbits hockey team again, this year. Ticket sales are going on now. Our event is Sunday, November 19 at 3:00. There will also be an opportunity to skate after the game.

Kids Helping Kids:

Loree Hartzog, co-chair, mentioned that we would be running our campaign in early December. Flyers will be sent home in Tuesday communication folders on November 7. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact her.

Carnival Baskets:

Our silent auction is still in need of volunteers to monitor bids from 5:00-6:00. Please see Marissa Moore if interested in helping. The silent auction will end at 6:30, with winners being announced then.

Melissa Bache drew names for free carnival tickets from a raffle. Mara Robu and Darcy Schwalm were the winners.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Burgess thanked everyone, again, for all of PTA's help. He wanted to remind us that our contributions alleviate so much from the staff and administration. It also helps to solidify the learning environment in the classrooms. PTA's impact directly affects the students by allowing the teachers to focus on education.

Our most recent staff appreciation lunch break was such a welcome addition. They were incredibly thankful to have time with their co-workers on a more personal level.

Our BPB program truly is beneficial to the students we serve.

Our school has a joint project between PTA and SIC with Riverside Middle School. We are holding a book drive to be able to provide literacy to students in need. The books collected will be provided to kids in our Backpack Buddies and Brain Builders programs. We are also hoping to collect higher level books for our high-flyers so that they can have upper level reading books at home.

Our school has a need to increase materials in classrooms. So, budget money, from the school, was used to provide each classroom with a complete set of Battle of the Books (BOB) materials. The school also purchased six additional sets to be available in the Media Center. While delivering books to the classrooms recruitment was done to increase participation in the BOB program.

Finally, BVES is working on an alert system that can notify families with immediate communications. This is still a work in progress and an update will be given as information is available.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Loree Hartzog, co-secretary.