

BVES PTA Board Meeting
Decmeber 5, 2018
BVES Cafeteria

Those in attendance: Melissa Bache, Kristen Belflower, Margo Bezemer, Keri Dille, Heather Gage, Raquel Garrido, Dana Lanning, Marissa Moore, Kristi Moreno, Darcy Schwalm

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

- Marissa asked for approval of the November 2018 Board Meeting Minutes. Melissa Bache 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. She noted that the turnout for the Holiday Concert was great, and she has noticed more children coming to school with money to donate to Kids Helping Kids. She observed that the collections are going well.
 2. Each cluster is getting excited about the different holiday activities coming up (Polar Express, the Grinch, etc.).
 3. She encouraged members to spread the word to other parents about the large amount of Lost and Found items that have been spread out on the stage and need to be claimed.
 4. Mrs. McFadden reminded members that MAP testing has begun. For the purpose of middle school math placement, 5th grade is testing this week. For the purpose of Challenge acceptance, 2nd grade is testing next week. There are also select 3rd graders who will also test for the purpose of Challenge acceptance.
 5. Holiday parties are slightly different this year, with teachers being able to choose which of the two days (12/20 or 12/21) is best for them. A member expressed concern about being allowed in the building on the half-day, since the Holiday Fun show presented to the students by the Staff and Administration would be taking place. Mrs. McFadden informed the members of the schedule (9:00-9:30 for K5-2, and 9:45-10:15 for 3-5), and assured members that parents would be able to enter the building in time to set up for the parties scheduled for that day. She noted that Administration has chosen to limit the outside attendance to 2-3 parents. It was also mentioned that the Staff party will be held during the next faculty meeting.
 6. The school report card has been recently released, and the Administration has some concerns where Buena Vista scored below average. Overall, our school showed no growth in Reading. A primary focus is moving the lower-scoring students to higher levels. Their goal is for no student to drop a level in any tested area.
 7. Mrs. McFadden mentioned that the district is moving to a new text alert system, and parents who have cell phone numbers listed as their primary contact should have received a text message to opt-in. She strongly encouraged members to do so as soon as possible. If parents have a landline listed as a primary contact number, they

will need to fill out a form providing a cell phone number and return it to the main office of each child's school. Mrs. McFadden noted that Buena Vista can also use the alert system, and she anticipates using it more. A member voiced interest in receiving notifications for back path parents in the event that they would need to pick up their students differently, but Mrs. McFadden noted that it is not known at this time if the new system will be quick enough to allow for last-minute updates.

8. Before Mrs. McFadden exited, a member expressed concerns about over-crowding during the Holiday concert, and suggested that perhaps multiple events take place on different dates. Mrs. McFadden assured the member that the issue had been raised by several other individuals and that the Administration is taking it into account.

➤ Treasurer's Report (Kristi Moreno):

1. Carnival – There are just a few more expenses to pay, but our final profit will be above our budgeted goal.
2. Spirit Wear and school store items continue to sell well.
3. The first day of Kids Helping Kids collection went great yesterday. We will continue to collect money through Friday.
4. Income is down some for our Spirit Fundraisers. We will continue to publicize and encourage people to link the school to their Lowes Rewards Card and also push our skate days in the second half of the year.
5. All expenses have been in line with the budget.
6. Check Requests – If you have any reimbursements for the fall, please submit them as soon as possible before school is out for winter break.

➤ President's Report (Marissa Moore):

1. Marissa noted that she and the Room Parent coordinator are working closely with the front office staff to help work out any kinks in the revised holiday party schedule.
2. Kids Helping Kids appears to be going well. The goal is for there to be enough excess to provide Spring Book Fair gift certificates to recipients again this year.

➤ Committee Reports:

1. Yearbook (Melissa Bache) – Melissa informed members that club photos for the yearbook will be taken on January 16, 2019, beginning at 9:00 am. Students will take home a "Save the Date" notification and a reminder in Tuesday folders closer to the date.
2. International Night (Margo Bezemer) – Margo informed members that the February General Membership Meeting will be International Night. It will be similar to last year, but there will not be a Chorus concert or art show. She and her committee are currently collecting responses from parents via a Google Form.
3. Newsflash (Keri Dille) – Keri reminded members that the deadline for submissions for the first newsflash of 2019 is Thursday, December 20.

4. School Store/Spirit wear (Raquel Garrido and Heather Gage) – Raquel and Heather reminded the board that a school-wide Spirit Day will take place next Friday, 12/14. Please encourage students to wear any and all things Buena Vista. They also shared that they have new Bobcat shoe laces in stock. There was a discussion about having the Bobcat make an appearance in the car line, and it was suggested that they use signs to remind parents of the day.

** Marissa again thanked everyone for coming. The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa Bache, Secretary