

Monthly PTO Meeting

Date	10/12/2022	Time	7:00pm	Location	BES Library
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Facilitator	Natalie Ray				
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Board of Officers Attendees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sue Ellis <input type="checkbox"/> Beth Jenkins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Cordts <input type="checkbox"/> Tara Luecking
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Meeting called to order at: 7:00pm

#1 Attendance:

- **Board Officers in attendance:**
- **Additional attendance:** See the final page for the complete list
- **Prior Month's Minutes:** The September 2022 General Business Meeting meeting minutes were provided in advance and will be posted on the PTO website. Minutes were delivered to the membership via email.

#2 Officer Reports

- President (Natalie Ray):
 - Digital marquee sign should be installed in the next 8 weeks (what we raised boosterthon money for in '21-'22 school year). It has taken many, many steps to finally get everything approved and planned.
 - Boosterthon kicked off 10/11. We are currently 69% registered and have raised \$17,000 profit already (including money for the student t-shirts). The fun run is on the 19th and there will be spectator sections at each of the two tracks in the back of the school (no need to show ID and check in, just walk around the side). We reached our 50% registration goal so Mrs. Miller & Mr. Cortds will be turned into human s'mores. The fun event will be recorded so it can be shared. If we reach our overall goal of \$40,000, Mrs. Miller & Mr. Cortds will camp out overnight at the school. Boosterthon is our ONE "real" fundraiser for the entire school year.
 - Holiday Shop will come back this year! A setup where the students can come in and "shop" (everything priced at \$5 or less) for gifts to give their loved ones for the December holiday season.
 - Need to discuss and decide on a good location for the outdoor learning space that we have a goal to build with some of the fundraiser money.
 - Harvest for the Hungry is happening throughout the month of October. Donations are mainly collected every Thursday which also has a theme associated with them. The food goes to MD Food Bank. We could use volunteers to help Thursday mornings at 7:50 am to help with the collections.
 - We will be planning some parent social events, like a trivia night at O'Loughlin's, to help community members meet and get to know each other.
- Vice President (Amy Green):
- Treasurers Report (Karen Davis): The Treasurer's Report was received and placed on file.
 - We hit our goal for PTO membership dues/members for the year. Mrs. Gordon's class won the pizza party from the membership drive contest.
 - 5th grade activity committee is now under the PTO umbrella so the financial reports will begin to include that information as well.

- Recording Secretary (Sue Ellis):
 - For 5th parents, a reminder that there is a Magnet Program informational night on Wednesday, Oct. 19th at Central Middle School in Edgewater. CMS is home to one of the STEM middle school magnet programs in the county and is the “feeder” STEM school for our school. The presentation will cover all magnet programs, not just STEM. Feel free to contact Sue with any questions, especially related to the STEM program as she works part-time in the program at Central.
- Corresponding Secretary (Elizabeth Jenkins):

School Administration and Faculty Reports

- Principal (Mrs. Miller):
 - We took part in the music exhibition at Broadneck High School tonight. Videos were posted.
 - Mrs. Sherman, mother of two of our students, passed away unexpectedly last week, so various opportunities to help and support the family will be available soon. Faculty has been speaking with 3rd & 5th grade classes especially since the children of the family are in those grades. Counselors are available.
 - Shout out to all the hard work that went into the Fall Festival!!
 - Quarterly assessments for grades 2-5 in Literacy & Math are coming in the next couple of weeks.
 - Unity Day is on the 19th, when we usually wear orange (the unity color), but since it’s our Fun Run and we had plans for rainbow colors for the grades it also goes along with the theme of inclusion. There are plans to have students arranged in the shape of a rainbow outside in the morning and a drone will take an aerial photo.
 - Parent-Teacher conferences are on the 20th from 12:45-3:45 pm. Since it’s a small amount of time, these conferences are being used for ones that are deemed
 - We will be hosting a First Responders Day on the 28th in the morning half of the school day.
 - Halloween Parade scheduled for the 31st, outside weather permitting. Parents and family members are welcome to come watch. Each grade level has a different time of day for their classroom parties. Parties will just include the 2 volunteers for each class that have been approved ahead of time.
 - 5th grade Drown Proofing is being held across 3 days, each student will only attend 1 day to complete the course.
 - Parent Portal is up and running and is a great resource to keep up to date on your student’s grades and assignments.
 - There have only been a couple of submissions for the new BEE logo for BES. The students and faculty will get to vote soon.
- Assistant Principal (Mr. Cordts):
 - Emergency drills were held today, the 12th (tornado, earthquake, and fire). First time going through the placements for the tornado relocations. Everything went pretty well. Staff then provided further feedback for any adjustments they recommended.
 - November students will be doing the CogAT tests for 2nd & 5th graders. Schedules are still being worked on.

- Teacher Reports:
 - Mrs. Wakshul thanked the PTO and all the volunteers for everything they've done so far to make the start of the school year great for the teachers.

#4 Other Discussion

- Other Committee Heads:
 - Shannon Martin: Spirit Wear is coming (Flash Sale). There will be a few items available since the school is still creating a new BEE. Items will be priced fairly.
 - Because this is not meant to be a big fundraiser. There will be a new Spirit Wear launch after the new BEE has been voted on to celebrate our official school logo.

#5 Open Forum

- We held our meeting door prize raffle - Mrs. Wakshul won the Rise Up raffle prize

Meeting called at: 7:45 pm

Full Attendance from sign-in sheet:

1. Sheri Berberian
2. Angela Wakshul
3. Nina Adams
4. Trish Stramella
5. Dawn Lanigan
6. Shannon VanHoesen
7. Paige Stickus
8. Kaila Kunst
9. Andrea Montini
10. Bianca Fitzpatrick
11. Kristen Musallam
12. Kristin Kershner
13. Colleen Courtney
14. Anna Tisari