



2024-2025 Executive Board

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3.6.25 – 7 pm – Zoom

A. Summers, N. Hala, G. Czernek, K. King, R. Novak, A. Doyle, K. Ashley, V. Ferniza, Megan, D. Vidakovic, M. Amofa, A. Gowgiel, J. Cruz, Gaby, Jennifer

BPC Meeting Agenda

1. **Welcome/Call to Order: Amie Summers, President**
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Introduction
2. **Secretary's Report: Nicki Hala**
 - a. Approval of December Minutes – Went over December minutes and motion to approve and seconded by Rachel.
3. **Administrative Reports**
 - a. **Ms. Kelly King**, K-2 Principal – Big thank you for the winter parties. 5th grade enjoyed having a party versus a movie day. Duck fundraiser was as a success and much appreciation to the BPC for providing each student with a duck so no feelings were hurt. Great success for the book fair. Moving forward, will keep the book fair in the big gym: less stress, more room and comfort and less breakdowns with the students. Reminder: trimester 2 report cards coming home. IAR testing schedule will be emailed by Sorensen for grades 3-5. This test is not as important, but best of luck to the students!
 - b. **Mr. Michael Sorensen**, 3-5 Principal
4. **Treasurer's Report: Samantha Pratt** – not present, but will share her reports at the beginning of the next meeting before minutes are approved.
 - a. Review the month's spending (December, January, February)
 - b. Adding Blue and Gold Office to this year's reimbursement budget
5. **Executive Board Reports**
 - a. **President:** Amie Summers – *Ninja Squad Party recap, working on locations for EOY parties* – students/parents loved it. BPC delivered pizza and would like to continue in the future. EOY party locations will require another meeting with the principals since Yena Park won't be available.
 - b. **Vice President:** Rachael Novak – *filling in where needed, including Book Fair* – tremendous success with the book fair and working with Bill's place versus

doing concessions. Steady flow at Bill's place, but don't have the numbers at the moment. \$400 spent on library books due to rounding up. \$500 on scholastics so every student could get book, \$14,000 in book credit

- c. **Fundraising Coordinator:** Kristin - *Winter Wonder Raffle, Flying High Night (December), Chicago Wolves, Flying High Night (upcoming March 15), Fit4Moms (upcoming May 17)* - Winter Wonder Raffle ran for 2 weeks before Winter break. Everyone received their prizes, was more of a "fun"raiser than a fundraiser. Flying high - 59 attended and \$354 profit. Chicago Wolves - 58+ sold, check sent to school, but don't know the amount. Tickets are available for Flying High and Spring Fling - need to send out e-blast to get more traction. Fit4Moms is in the early stages of planning.
- d. **Volunteer Coordinator:** Valerie Decker - *Valen-Duck Gram, Parent Directory* - 654 ducks sold with minimal order issues, we took in teachers' feedback and made the tags bigger and delivered them during the week of Valentine's. If we do this again, we need to make sure delivery is consistent with the teachers. Directory was approved and should be emailed to members soon.
- e. **Corresponding Secretary:** Garet Czernek - *Monitoring FB, T shirt orders* - continue to update 6 Facebook accounts, picking up shirts for membership drive and working on online site with Ink Your Wear so orders can be handled by parents.
- f. **Member-at-Large:** Renae Yoo - *Anti-bullying* - not present

6. Committee Chair Reports

- a. **Room Parents** - *Winter Parties recap, plans for EOY Parties* - information was provided above
- b. **Theater-in-Residence** - *Recap of Hercules* - new teachers this year, so still a learning experience. Students were struggling with lines. Disciplinary actions were questionable with having students sit in silence for 5 minutes for talking over teachers. Theatre week has moved to 12/8-12/13 so students can adjust better than coming back from winter break.
- c. **Cultural Week/Night** - *Calls for Volunteers, planning update* - not able to feed volunteers at this time. Christine is thankful for all supplies being paid for by the BPC. Co-chair has been assigned to Stephanie who will be taking over next year. Have low number of volunteers, but continue to post and email and we should get more volunteers. Another suggestion is to allow parents to eat with their child as an incentive to volunteer. Need to make the SUG more detailed with time frames for volunteers and which country/culture they can volunteer for. Passports/stickers have been bought and teachers have gotten their supplies. For cultural night, need BPC to provide cutlery, drinks, and pizza.
- d. **Sweets with Someone Special** - *2/11 SWSS recap, potential next date 4/22* - very successful. Ordered 12 dozen donuts, 2 orange juices, 2 milks, and 2 chocolate milks. We were a dozen short on donuts. Want to plan the next one with Earth Day.
- e. **Belonging, Community, & Engagement** - *2025 Assembly* - 2 30 minute assemblies, with one occurring mid-April. Want to create a wishlist for more diverse books, and Women's history month will be put up tomorrow. Reminder that meetings are every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

- f. **Book Fair** – *Book Fair, Family Reading Night, and Bernie's Book Drive* - Bernie's book drive was a success. Any books that we couldn't use were donated to the Brookfield library.
- g. **5th Grade Commemorative Committee** – *looking for volunteers to help with fifth-grade t-shirt: design, sorting, distribution (April), and Yard signs: Cricut skills, assembly, setup (May). Contact Dawn at dmusial@yahoo.com*
- h. **The Spring Fling** – *April 5, tickets available now, proceeds will go to STEAM/Art*
- i. **Teacher Appreciation** – *May 5-9, Nicki Hala and Garet Czernek* – in the beginning stages of planning
- j. **Art Walk** – *May 8, Compassion Factory* – can be set up a day beforehand.

7. Old Business

- a. Status of taxes and 501(c)3; outside attorney and accountant – power of attorney was given to accountant to take care of our status

8. New Business

- a. **Upcoming Spring Events:** *Flying High Night-March 15, Cultural Week, Cultural Night, Spring Fling-April 5*
- b. **Yearbooks:** *now available for purchase through March 21*
- c. **Picture Person:** *contact jmontalbano@district95.org – still trying to get a committee for this big undertaking.*
- d. **BPC Board Elections:** *Submit interest or nomination for BPC board by April 1st.*

9. Questions or comments