

Board Members

Fatima Hill, President, Bethesda PTA

OPEN, Treasurer, Bethesda PTA

OPEN, VP - Communications, Bethesda PTA

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Katrina Larmond, Principal, Bethesda Elementary School

GENERAL PTA Board Minutes

The General virtual meeting for Bethesda PTA was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 via Zoom conference. The President called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. There were 28 members in attendance.

The President welcomed everyone present and took some time to thank the members for their participation throughout the year and support of the PTA. She also mentioned how our theme was “Breaking Barriers at Bethesda” and how we achieved this with our first ever virtual meeting. The President then outlined the meeting agenda.

The Secretary established a quorum was present.

The President discussed the treasurer report and explained why our current balance of \$19,094.38 was higher than originally planned. We were not able to purchase our Bookworm Vending Machine or host the Bethesda Family Fun Walk due to the school closure from COVID-19. However, she explained that these line items would be added into the 2020-2021 budget. We had no expenses in April, but we do have a couple in May. We contributed to the Teacher Appreciation gift from the school and will refund some expenses for BFF Walk items that will be used at next year’s event.

The President introduced our first member vote: VP of Communications Open Board Position. Fatima reviewed the flyer that went home in Friday Folders and announced that we were still in need of a Treasurer. Olivia Martinez’s bio and picture were displayed for members to read.

She also explained our second vote of the night: Change of Quorum requirements. Fatima shared the participant numbers from the first (28 members) and second (32 members) general meetings and talked about how we barely made our votes with the current quorum at 25 members. The second vote would be to change the quorum requirement from 25 to 15 members.

The President called for a vote confirming Olivia as the new VP of Communication. Vote passed with 25 members voting Yes.

The President then called for a vote to change the quorum requirement to 15 members. Vote passed with 26 members voting Yes.

The President introduced the VP of Events to discuss upcoming events next year and our new “School Supply Kits” initiative. She mentioned some of the new ways that families can get involved with PTA and talked about how families can purchase their teacher’s school supply box for next year without having to worry about all the crazy BTS shopping. This box gives the teacher exactly what he/she wants and takes the shopping burden off the parents – especially those with multiple children at the school. We received several excited and positive comments in the chat section of the Zoom



meeting about this new program. Catherine invited everyone to watch our website and Facebook page for more updates.

The President opened the floor for any questions or comments. Ms. Evelyn Chatters spoke about the Title 1 meeting information and that the most important thing was to fill out the input forms on the website. There were no other questions or comments.

The President thanked everyone for attending and wished them all a wonderful and relaxing summer.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Jessica Thornhill

Jessica Thornhill, Secretary