



BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Beall Elementary School PTA General Membership Meeting
January 3, 2018

1. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by PTA President Joshua Schnell, who confirmed that a quorum had been established, in accordance with the PTA's Bylaws.
2. Officer's Reports:
 - a. President - PTA President Joshua Schnell
 - i. PTA events from December
 - a. Staff Appreciation Lunch – thanks to Juliana Panzer for organizing. Teachers are very grateful.
 - b. Grandparents Day – good turnout. 16 dozen donuts were enjoyed. Suggestion for next year to have a line on 2 sides of table for refreshments to prevent a bottleneck situation.
 - c. December Dine Out – haven't gotten final total yet (\$140-ish)
 - d. Dragon Disco – waiting on Carmen's check
 - ii. Minutes from December meeting need to be approved. Motion to approve minutes by Joshua Schnell, seconded by Monica Berger. Minutes approved.
 - b. Vice President of Programs – Jonathan Schwalbe
 - i. Workshops set up for parent education at February & April PTA meetings.
 - ii. January Dine Out will be at Chipotle on Tues, January 16 (date change from email)
 - iii. Dragon Men & Donuts was scheduled for Jan 18 but is being moved to February.
 - iv. Grandparents' Day is December 22. Must register by December 18.
 - v. Science Expo is January 25 (snow date January 30)
 - a. Need volunteers for AV, ushers, picking up food for visiting scientists.
 - b. Currently 100 kids registered
 - vi. Multicultural Night – February 23
 - a. Happens every other year
 - b. 80-100 families provide food & other items
 - c. Need volunteers beforehand & during event (including SSL students)
 - d. Jonathan to reserve tables (50)
 - vii. March Madness – March 16
 - viii. Need people to get involved now since so many board members are leaving Beall
 - c. Vice President of Communications – Monica Berger
 - i. If anyone wants anything sent out in blast emails, let Monica know.
 - d. Fundraising – Paula Tully
 - i. Fall fundraiser is ongoing. \$3,285 collected so far. – Option for money is a new blacktop where portables currently are.
 - ii. Rockville Rewards cards still available.
 - iii. All ordered T-shirts have been distributed.
 - e. Treasurer – Gotthard Saghi Szabo
 - i. Nothing to report.



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- f. MCCPTA Delegate's Report – Susan Forant
 - i. MCPD will be cracking down on cars not stopping for buses.
- g. Secretary – Liza Ford
 - i. Yearbook ordering is underway.
 - ii. Need photos for yearbook.
- 3. Membership – Delaney Higgs
 - i. No new members since December.
 - ii. If someone joined after directories were distributed, they can still get one.
- 4. Principal's Report – Elliot Alter
 - i. Staff thanks the PTA for the Staff Appreciation Lunch.
 - ii. Grandparents Day – 337 preregistered attendees (286 last year)
 - iii. Staffing Change – Junior was replaced by Wilbur Kito (former Building Service Manager from New Hampshire Estates)
 - iv. County looking to accelerate staffing timeline to move up the window to hire out of county candidates
 - v. Memo will be sent in Jan regarding Kindergarten orientation (1-3 days, usually use 2). Will probably be in May.
 - vi. Portables – will probably be phased out. One portable is owned by the county, others are rented.
 - vii. End of January is the end of the marking period. Report cards will be mailed out the following week.
 - viii. Jan 25th – half day, 26th – No school
 - ix. A lot of testing upcoming – ESOL, Benchmark assessments, 5th graders testing for magnet middle schools next week (students are flagged by MCPS & parents accept), February 27th is Barnsley testing.
 - x. Robocalls – try to avoid use of these unless it is urgent. Front office is typically inundated with calls after these go out.
 - xi. January 9 MCPS Board meeting – new principal for RMES #5 will be announced.
- 5. Staff Liasion – Danielle Hessler
 - i. Not present – no new business.
- 6. Speaker - None
- 7. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned by PTA President Joshua Schnell at 7:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liza Ford
Secretary