



BEALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Beall Elementary School PTA General Membership Meeting  
October 2, 2018

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by PTA President Liza Ford, who confirmed that a quorum had been established, in accordance with the PTA's Bylaws.
2. Meet the Specials- Introduction to PE, Art, Music, Media Center teachers
  - a. Mr. Healy- PE-- Fun Run November 9
  - b. Ms. Groth- Music- updates on Beall webpage- classrooms, specialists, music- website
  - c. Ms. Cullum- Art- January 15<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade mini show; smocks are not required but are not given out in the classroom, she encourages kids bring them; Instagram account- @beall.art.studio
  - d. Ms. Amanda- Speech Pathologist- contact your teacher if there are any speech concerns you have. Here 4 days a week – Tues-Fri.
  - e. Ms. Hughes, Ms. Chung- ESOL teachers- 92 ESOL students
  - f. Mrs. Poole- Media Center- Check out the Destiny online for reading books electronically; and check out the SORA app from the library
3. Board of Directors Reports:
  - A. Officers Reports:
    - a. President- Liza Ford
    - b. Vice President of Programs- Johnathan Schwalbe
      - i. Walk to School Day- October 10- start walking at 8:30A
      - ii. Dine Out Night- Five Guys and Marble Slab- October 16
      - iii. Movie Night- Friday October 19- bring bean bag chairs/blankets, food trucks/kids voting on the movie- doors open at 6:30pm; movie starts at 7pm, parents must stay
      - iv. Scholastic Book Fair- early November, sign up genius will be sent for volunteer signup
      - v. Fun Run- November 9
      - vi. Dragon Disco November 30<sup>th</sup>- New Volunteer: Stacia Hall
      - vii. Laminator/ Flyer Masters still need volunteers
      - viii. Spirit Wear Coordinator- Tshirts- - Renata
      - ix. Staff Appreciation Week- first week of May- Jennifer
    - c. Vice President of Communications- Roseline Tekeu
      - i. Check Beall PTA for updates, and Beall PTA Facebook page for updates
      - ii. Email blasts sent to all registered members on a weekly basis, on Sundays
      - iii. Send us news related to your events ([communications@beallpta.org](mailto:communications@beallpta.org)).
    - d. Treasurer – Katherine McCaffrey
      - i. Reviewed summary budget sheet
      - ii. Two big fund raisers planned- fall and spring- hope to put funds into something for the area where portables were removed
      - iii. If anyone has ideas about structures like a gazebo or shade structure- reach out to Alejandro Cardemil
      - iv. Lower # of student body this year, so will be a learning year on fundraising targets
      - v. Motion to accept the budget presented in the meeting, Seconded- motion passed.
    - e. Secretary- Wendy Whitaker

- i. Bylaws Intro & Voting- Motion to accept bylaws presented in meeting/ seconded- all members in favor but one opposed (requested change to fiscal year be considered)- motion passed.

B. Delegates/ Chairs Reports:

a. MCCPTA Delegate Report Susan Gorant

- i. Overcrowding at Richard Montgomery school – concerns over limiting or cancelling science classes- they are considering alternative/nontraditional solutions to building new schools and additions. Susan is collecting and conveying feedback/input on these options.
- ii. Susan will send out a list of MCCPTA committees- you don't have to be a delegate to join a committee.

b. Fundraising- Rachel Anderson- not present.

- i. Start clipping box tops now- will be collected beginning in January. Suggestion to collect tops more than once per year- Michelle volunteered to lead. There is an app where you can scan your receipt- will be mentioning it in email communication.
- ii. Also looking into an art fundraiser where artwork is printed on items that can be purchased. Beall PTA is selling
- iii. Rockville Rewards- \$25- buy one at PTA events.

c. Membership Chair- Alejandro Cardemil

- i. 214 members currently
- ii. Print directories should be out by end of November- available only to members- use A-Z app for entering/confirming information

4. Principal's Report- Eliot Alter

- i. Parents can access marking period reports online at the end of marking periods. Login to your account/My Parent Portal. Email Ms. Gina Gill if you need the code to login.
- ii. In the second marking period, parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> grades will be able to see grades entered throughout the marking period. Grades are standards based not based on percentages.
- iii. The County is starting a program where all students can get flu shots in the school. At the end of October/ beginning of November- if you would like your child to have a flu shot, paperwork will be sent ahead of time, shots administered by nurses.
- iv. Curriculum update- We have chosen to begin a soft implementation of new math curriculum in the whole school in the spring.
- v. Web page will go through a major overhaul this year- all elementary schools will be given an update.
- vi. Halloween parade 1:45-2:15pm- permission slips will be sent for participation. Kids bring their costumes to the school and change for the parade.
- vii. Mr. Alter posts pictures and articles on Twitter: @BytesfromBella

5. Staff Liaison Report- Danielle Hessler

- i. Thank you to all the volunteers helping with lunch and recess. Please remember to help around the room and not just with your own child. At recess try to engage as many students as you can. If you have a child in a club – please let your teacher know so they are aware of who is on the roster.

6. New Business

- i. Debbie- We have multicultural night every other year (not 2018-19). Proposed that we consider a cookbook this year- for Mother's Day gifts.
- ii. Katherine McCaffrey- will be helping Gabe on PTA sponsored afterschool activities/ clubs. We have a lot of after school clubs/activities this year. Some may not have enrollment expected

with smaller student body. Some are getting canceled from low enrollment. Please email [Afterschool@beallpta.org](mailto:Afterschool@beallpta.org) – send thoughts/suggestions

- iii. Gardening inquiry- need to discuss/ explore what has been done in the past- folks have volunteered.

7. Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned by PTA President Liza Ford.

8. Next Meeting: November 7, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Whitaker  
Secretary