

Bells Mill Elementary School PTA Board Meeting
Stacy Ganz-Kahn Residence, Potomac, MD
July 13, 2015

The BMES PTA Board met on July 13, 2015; the President, Stacy Ganz-Kahn called the meetin to order at 7:10pm. Those in attendance were Stacy Ganz-Kahn (President), Geena Goodhand (President-Elect), Kysha Pierre-Lous (Vice President), Kellie Zuba (Vice President), Lang Lin (Vice President), Jocelyn Ulrich (Treasurer), Jamie Becker (Delegate), Juli Nix (Delegate), Alissa Gould (Secretary), and Kurt Shanfield (PTA member).

Introductions.

Open Discussion: The board discussed what expectations people have toward the PTA. The goal is to increase awareness and membership.

Treasurer's Report: A recruit is needed for treasurer for next year; this is a two year commitment. Jocelyn is requesting someone to follow her this year and next year take over the position as treasurer.

President's Report: The county has cut back on education funds, thus the 4th grade will not be getting their chrome books this coming year. The school is in need of chrome books for the whole 4th grade. Many of the neighboring schools already have them. The PTA should be able to fund 2 of the 4 needed carts, however the school would need to raise money for the other 2 carts. The 4th grade only has 3 classrooms this coming year, but in future years will have the full four classrooms. The board discussed different ideas of fundraisers and sponsorships.

Many of the teachers are not using their \$150.00 allotment for classroom supplies provided by the PTA each year.

BMES is working with Barnes and Noble during Read Across America week.

The PTA meetings need to be every month at least until winter. There are many events and membership issues to attend to in the fall.

President- Elect's Report: Membership increase for the PTA was discussed and approved for \$25. Only 62% joined the PTA last year. The goal is to increase awareness and membership numbers. The board discussed the importance of families in need joining the PTA and getting more involved at BMES.

Vice President's Report: The board also discussed the importance of multi-cultural families joining the PTA and getting more involved.

Points to address at Back to School Night are to give a strong visual of what the PTA does for the community and increase membership and volunteer help.

Unfinished Business: August 24th is back to school week. Back to school nights are September 9, 10, and 11. All members of the board need to be at the events at the membership tables. A SignUp Genius to follow.

New Business: Discussed having a Dr. Recess assembly so kids can play better at recess. The Cultural Arts Showcase is in October. Geena, Juli, and Alissa (or the Cultural Arts chairperson(s)) will attend to find elementary-appropriate and educational cultural arts assemblies for the school.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alissa Gould