

Bells Mill Elementary School Parent Teacher Association

Board Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2023, 6:30 pm via zoom

Call to Order

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Attendance

A total of 9 individuals from the Board attended the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Most recent balance and general takeaways – great fundraising with the Read-a-Thon, lower expenses than anticipated (i.e. poet in residence received a grant), and the like have left the PTA in a good position for the year. Discussion of additional recess equipment.

Membership & Fundraising

- Read-a-thon Wrap Up - \$19,979 dollars raised with BMES take home over \$15,000!
- General Membership Meetings
 - Format, Schedule, Agenda Topics – School Report Card? School of Excellence program? Proposal to have meetings in late March (virtual) and May (in person).

Communications and Community Engagement

- Social Media & Website Next Steps – agreement to bring everything back online
- Spring Breakfasts with Bears – May 17 (K-2) and 18 (3-5)

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- International Night – 6-7:30 p.m. discussion of adding Holi to the celebration for the last 15 minutes. Waiver/handout with FAQs on the powder.
- Asian American Heritage Month – in-school program? BMES leadership team received information this week from MCPS. PTA to provide assembly ideas.
- Other needs for this year? Anti-Semitism? Autism Awareness? Dr. Smith to speak to autism teachers and report from anti-Semitism town hall tomorrow night.

Student Affairs

- Yearbook – available to order now
- FYI – Kindergarten Orientation, 5th grade end of year activities

Miscellaneous

- Next Year – draft budget, board planning, nominating committee
- Teacher Appreciation – May 8-12, 2023 – room parents to be engaged for things like color days, notes from children, etc.
- FYI – Cluster Presidents Meeting with Dr. McKnight and BOE Member on 3/27

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.