



Bromley East Charter School PTO

Minutes from January 10, 2018

General Membership Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Le Shane Tuck in the Cafeteria.

1. In attendance: Theresa Powell – Vice President, Le Shane Tuck-Treasurer, Caitlin Whitehead – Asst. Treasurer, Nicole Tefft – Secretary

Absent - Janelle Hruby – President

PTO Members in attendance: Samantha Pulis, Kim Rollman, Christy Lagersthom, Becky Freitas, Amandine Miner, Kerri Navarro, Sara McMurry, Tiffanie Hein, Stephanie Peloquin

2. Treasures Report - Check Register and Treasurer's report were reviewed. Refer to PTO website under financials to review in detail. Over \$8,000 worth of gifts were sold at the Holiday Shop. Over \$31,000 is currently available for spending at this time in the PTO account. Motioned – Kerri Navarro. Approved.
3. November Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Motioned – Caitlin Whitehead. Approved.
4. **Funding Requests/Proposals/Bids**
 - \$800 Girls on the Run. Motioned – Sarah McMurry. Approved
 - \$400 for Teacher Meals. Motioned – Theresa Powell. Approved.
5. **Old Business:**
 - A. Member at Large Reports
 - **Box Tops/Campbell's labels** – Box tops are collected annually. Stephanie Peloquin is organizing the box tops, counting them and submitting them for funds. A check for \$1,118.00 was received. Box tops can be turned into your child's teacher for collection by the PTO.
6. **Other school committee reports:**
 - **Welcome Wagon** – Kim Rollman and Le Shane Tuck - No report.
 - **Fundraising** – Courtney French – No report.
 - **Executive Director Report** – Dr. David Shadwell – Thank you to parents for helping with the Teacher Meals. Please take a few moments to walk throughout the halls of the school to see the amazing work of the students. The fall fundraiser and the limo ride was so fun for the students. Teacher conferences are on February 12, 13 and 14. Indications are that the district is moving towards a four day calendar week. Monday's would be the non-contact days. The district would need to ask for a waiver on the contact days (down from 160 to 144 days), however the instructional hours required by CDE would still be met (1080 hours). The philosophy behind having a four day week is to make the school a more attractive work environment for the recruitment and retention of teachers. 27J schools recognizes with the failure of the recent mill levy override that families are already paying high taxes, and an alternate solution needs to be sought to some of the funding challenges of the district. This is a way for 27J schools to be competitive with the attraction and retention of teachers. The discussion will begin on January 11 with the Board. Parents are welcome to attend Board meetings. Board meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at BECS in the upstairs professional development room (209). If the school district moves forward with this change, it would go into effect for the 2018-19 school year. The traditional instructional day in most districts has been six hours. Districts on a strict four-day

week normally hold classes for seven and one-half hours for 144 days per year. BECS has always had more than the required 1,080 contact hours. BECS is in the district and will be discussing the implications of the proposed change. District is planning measures for day care to be available for the days that school will not be in session. Concerns regarding the drop off and pick up of students have been raised. While BECS has considered restriping the parking lot to change the directional flow of traffic to help with congestion, we are currently holding off on these plans. The idea was to reshape the flow of traffic to allow the current one-way entrance to become an exit as well. However we have no clear evidence that this will necessarily work to relieve congestion. One option to try to relieve the traffic situation is to have a staggered start and stop time for elementary students and middle school students. Elementary school hours would be the same 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., but in keeping with what the district is doing for older students allowing them to stay up later and wake up later their hours would change to 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. An issue that would then arise would be for parents who have students in both middle and elementary school regarding care of those students before and after school. One option to accommodate these families might be to offer a study hall for academic assistance for middle school students. In order to accommodate families similarly, there would be something offered for the elementary students who would need to stay later. Meetings will be held to allow parents to ask questions and express their opinions regarding the above mentioned options. Please feel free to contact Dr. Shadwell if you would like more information regarding the proposed changes.

- **Teacher Report** – Kim Rollman – Please assist with Taco Bingo this is a huge fundraising event. Everything is going well. Amanda Rydlund – No report.
- **School Board** – No report.

7. New Business:

- PTO Skate Night at the Wagon Wheel is on Thursday, February 15. A coupon will go out in the Friday Folders.
- PTO Elections – Elections will take place at the March 7 PTO Meeting. Nominations are due one month prior to elections. Please submit nominations to Janelle@becspto.org no later than February 7. The secretary position is currently open.
- Taco Bingo will be on April 14. Meetings for planning will begin at the end of January. Notification will be sent regarding the meeting date and time. Please assist if you are able. This is a very large event and takes many individuals helping out to make it a success.

8. Announcements/Other Business

- The next PTO Meeting will be held on March 7 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Elections will be held at this meeting.
- Please be sure to log your volunteer hours. Every \$10 donated to the school or your child's classroom is equal to one volunteer hour. If you make a teacher meal it is considered one volunteer hour. If you purchase an item for \$10 for the teacher meals it is considered one volunteer hour.
- For all purchases at King Soopers on the gift cards the PTO gets 5% back. Cards can be purchased from Janelle for a cost of \$5.00 and come preloaded with \$5.00 to spend. Gas can be purchased on the card at the customer service desk or at the gas station. The reloaded funds can be added to the student's account for Sea Camp or the D.C. trip. Please email Janelle@becspto.org if you would like to purchase a card. Target has a red card. When the red card is linked to BECS, the PTO receives 3% of all purchases. Over \$10,000 was credited to BECS last year due to red card purchases. Cards are a great way to support our school! The PTO has signed up for Amazon Smile. BECS will receive a percentage back from Amazon Smile if you select BECS PTO as the beneficiary prior to making your purchase. In order to donate funds to the PTO you must login to Amazon through the smile website.
- The BECS PTO uses technology to communicate including Facebook, Google+, Text Reminders and the Parent Volunteer survey which can be found on our website.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. Approved unanimously, no objections or discussion.