

BVES PTA Meeting Notes
3 October 2023, 6:30pm-7:30pm
BVES Library

- PTA President Heather Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Ms. Wilson welcomed the members and parents to the October meeting. Since we had such a large turnout in September, we brought name tags for everyone so we can learn everyone's names (or at least try!).
- Principal Kuntz provided his update on school activities:
 - Back-to-School Night was a success. Thank you all to the parents who attended.
 - The 6th grade movie night on 29 September was a great success too.
 - We're putting together a list of all the room parents. We're getting that information from the teachers so we should have that list shortly.
 - Of note, there will be no school on March 5th as that is a Super Tuesday for voting, so please plan accordingly.
 - Work started on the outdoor reading garden/area. The flagstone has already been fixed and completed. We were able to get it done at a reasonable price and Mr. Kuntz will provide the PTA with the invoice shortly.
- Ms. Wulff provided the Treasurer's report to the group. Ms. Wulff highlighted that we had income due to some parents signing up for PTA at Back-to-School night. The expenses for September were the wristbands for the Fun Run and garden boxes for the outdoor learning space.
- Committee Reports:
 - Membership Update – Ms. Burger and Ms. Newman advised they updated the social media content – Instagram and FB. Parents and PTA members are welcome to check out our social accounts so you can see what is going on.
 - Fundraising – Fun Run Update: Ms. Hagen advised the event is planned for 26 October (Thursday) and the date is quickly approaching.
 - She has ordered the wristbands, got the DJ, set up a Go Fund Me page for Sponsors, and the information for the student's Fun Run Fund Me page is going in this week's Wednesday folders so parents should look for that info sheet to set up their child's Fun Run page.
 - She discussed the importance of volunteers and to get sponsors to help raise money for the event. At this time, no sponsors are confirmed which is a bit unexpected but could be a sign of the economic times right now. The board and others will continue to push for sponsors, but we must get the T-shirts printed the week of the 9th, so we're running out of time.
 - All help is appreciated! For the day of the event, Lydia will need volunteers. We will set up a Sign Up Genius page.
 - Community Events/Enrichment – No update currently.
 - Teacher Appreciation Plan – Ms. Brooke Dunbar advised they will start working on doing something monthly for teachers and staff at BVES. She is open to any ideas. There was an idea to do things theme-based on the month. For example, October could be Halloween related. November could be Fall or Thanksgiving related, etc. Brooke would appreciate any parents who would like to assist in planning these monthly events.

- Overview of Upcoming Events – Ms. Becky Thompson provided an update on Camp Flintlock which is an event on October 25th at the school for the 4th graders. The Camp Flintlock group will come in the night before and camp out, so they are ready to go in the morning. The first restaurant night will be at El Paso on 30 October from 11am-9pm. Since it's close to Halloween your kiddos could come dressed in their costumes as they will have a costume party/contest.
- Community Comments:
 - It was suggested that on the next flyer about the PTA meeting that we list out all the dates so parents can schedule their calendars.
- Upcoming PTA-sponsored events:
 - Camp Flintlock (4th grade only): 25 October
 - Fun Run: 26 October (we will need volunteers the day of!)
 - Chili-Cook-Off - TBD
 - Winter Dance: 2 Feb 2024
 - Book Fair: 26 Feb-1 March 2024
 - End of Year Picnic: 7 June 2024