

BVES PTA Meeting Notes
6 September 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 first PTA meeting of the schoolyear (2023-2024). The new PTA board introduced themselves to the members. The new PTA board includes:
 - PTA President: Heather Wilson
 - Treasurer: Lizelle Wulff
 - Corresponding Secretaries: Kelly Burger & Libby Newman
 - VP Fundraising: Lydia Hagen
 - VPs Enrichment & Community Events: Erin Basily and Megan Nguyen
- Principal Kuntz provided his update on school activities:
 - Back-to-School Night is 14 September, next Thursday from 6pm-7:15pm. They are offering 2 sessions for parents to attend. All parents are encouraged to attend to meet your child's teachers.
 - When asked about current FCPS COVID response, Principal Kuntz advised that they are treating COVID like the flu and other illnesses. If your child has a temperature, do not send them to school. Masks are not being enforced. You do not need a note from your doctor clearing your child of COVID. Primarily, if your child is sick and running a fever, they should remain home. When they are clear of fever and feel better then they may return to school.
- Ms. Wulff provided the Treasurer's report to the group. Ms. Wulff highlighted some of the budget items and stated that the Fun Run we do in October is our big fundraiser of the year. It's important that we reach our fundraising goal as that sets us up for the year. Ms. Wilson offered that the budget is a living document and that as the schoolyear progresses and we can calculate actual revenue versus estimated, then we can move things around and pay for other things, as needed. There was much discussion and questions by the group regarding the budget – overall very good questions to better understand how the budget works:
 - It was asked if we could increase the teacher appreciation budget – yes, most likely.
 - Ms. Basily suggested funds go towards snacks for classrooms. There is already a teacher fund line in the budget. The idea is to communicate to the teachers that they can use that line for snacks as needed.
 - Principal Kuntz advised that we will be working on the outdoor learning space to replace some broken flagstone pieces – wear and tear. Some of the budget will go to that effort.
- Committee Reports:
 - Membership Update – Ms. Burger and Ms. Newman advised they are working on the social media content – Instagram and FB. Will update the BVES PTA webpage shortly. We will set up a table during Back-to-School Night and hopefully will increase our membership then.
 - Fundraising – Fun Run Preview: Ms. Hagen advised that the event is planned for 26 October (Thursday). She discussed the importance of volunteers and to get sponsors to help raise money for the event.
 - Community Events/Enrichment – Ms. Basily and Ms. Nguyen advised that they are planning a chili-cook off this fall (Oct/Nov) timeframe and there will also be a Bingo Night scheduled.

- Overview of Upcoming Events – Ms. Wilson advised that we will continue to do teacher appreciation this year. Ms. Brooke has been helping with that effort and will continue to assist again this year. Also, we will be doing restaurant nights again to help raise funds for PTA, and Ms. Becky Thompson who led that effort last year will help us again this year. So be on the look-out for flyers soon.
- Zoom PTA Meetings: Ms. Wilson advised that we do plan to do Zoom PTA meetings again this year but had some technical difficulties this time around. We will be sure to offer Zoom next month in October.
- Odds & Ends/Wrap-up: Ms. Wilson went through final a list of events coming up:
 - Back-to-School Night: 14 September 6-7:15pm
 - 6th Grade Movie Night: 29 September (all proceeds go to the 6th grade graduation activities)
 - Fun Run: 26 October
 - Chili-Cook-Off - TBD
 - Book Fair: 26 Feb-1 March 2024
 - Winter Dance: 2 Feb 2024
 - End of Year Picnic: 7 June 2024