

**BVES PTA Meeting Notes**  
**8 November 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 November meeting.
- Assistant Principal Kristen Lehner provided the update on school activities:
  - Ms. Lehner advised there will be a Thanksgiving Luncheon next week on 15 November in the school cafeteria. All parents/families are invited to attend! It will go by grade level to allow you to come in and eat lunch with your kiddos. Emails and flyers will provide more information.
  - There was a question concerning the inadequate size of the kindergarten classes and how the two classes are too large; Ms. Lehner advised that an IA has been hired and they will start next week but another kindergarten teacher is still being sought after.
- Ms. Wulff provided the Treasurer's report to the group. She shared that this month's income were from PTA dues and a few bucks from Spirit Wear. The expenses were for the Outdoor Learning Space (garden beds and other gardening supplies), Special Needs Community Outings, and Staff Appreciation.
- Committee Reports:
  - Fundraising – Fun Run Update: Ms. Wilson advised the event was quite a success. We almost met our \$30k goal with just being roughly \$700 short. We had over 500 donations and received some big last minute donations during the last week of the event. Thanks to Lydia Hagen for doing such a great job organizing the event. Thank you to all who contributed.
  - Community Events/Enrichment – Due to scheduling conflicts in December, the Chili Cook-off will be in March after the Winter Dance. More details to follow after the holidays.
  - Teacher Appreciation Plan – Nothing to report this month.
  - Restaurant Night Update – Ms. Becky Thompson advised they raised \$241 during Restaurant night at El Paso on 30 October. It was a real fun time; El Paso enjoys hosting so they will most likely do another restaurant night later on. Camp Flintlock was a great success – all the 4<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed the event.
  - Last Word/Overview of Upcoming Events –
    - Ms. Wilson advised that the Veteran's Day holiday is this Friday (10 November). PTA will provide coffee and donuts for all the veterans that attend (active duty are welcomed too!). The school ceremony will include saying the Pledge of Allegiance and the BVES choir will provide a performance.
    - Ms. Wilson advised the PTA sent flowers for Ms. Catherine Fannon's service on Monday. Apparently, her service was well attended by the BVES community. (*We will discuss further ideas on how to honor Ms. Fannon in weeks to come*).
    - Ms. Wilson addressed how she had been contacted by several concerned parents regarding the email sent by Dr. Grace Taylor of the Fairfax County Regional 3 office regarding Principal Kuntz's sudden going on leave.
      - Parents voiced their concerns and Ms. Justine Klena was in attendance from Regional 3 office. She took questions from the audience.

- There were concerns about the lack of information and how that makes parents uneasy; there were concerns about the timing of the message.
  - There was no new information that Ms. Klena could share with the group. She explained she was there to support AP Lehner through this transition. Dr. Larrick will be the interim principal but first must go through some in-processing before he can start at BVES. He is coming out of retirement.
    - Regional 3 office offered they will share any information with the BVES community as soon as they are able to but it's important to now support AP Lehner.
- Upcoming PTA-sponsored events:
- Winter Dance: 2 Feb 2024
  - Book Fair: 26 Feb-1 March 2024
  - Chili Cook-Off – March 2024
  - End of Year Picnic: 7 June 2024