

## **PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

### **January 9, 2024**

Start time 1:05pm

End time 2:30pm

Present: Mr. Ross, Michelle Breaux, Vanessa Hester, Kim Deane, Tiffany Sanders, Katie Stern, Brittany Boyd, Marlana Gano and Melissa Kendall

**\*\*Before Mr. Ross' report we voted to add Melissa Kendall to the board as VP of Communications. This relieved Vanessa of two positions.**

#### **Principal's Report:**

- School visits-- BCES Mathematics scores were a little weaker this year than Reading. Stone Academy for example will be one school we observe to try to improve our student achievement. Our goal is to have 75% of our students performing in the proficient category. We are already performing over the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile in Reading, but we want to get there in Mathematics as well. We are doing well but we can do better.
- Amazing shake-- The final round will take place in a restaurant. We're the second school in Greenville County to participate in this program so far. Super proud of our students participating in this program!

#### **President's Report:**

- Spirit wear—the most recent order should be arriving at the end of this week. Peggy Stephenson will distribute.
- Two Silent Auction baskets have yet to be picked up-- Swanky Steer gift card & the date night baskets.
- Great Book Exchange MOVED to Jan. 31- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> —We have some K-3 books in the PTA closet. 4th & 5th grade has 60-75 books but we will look for more since we have more time. Look at keeping this event at the end of January next year.

- Dance Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Paint the Town theme. Cap at 1 adult per family (1:4 ratio) and only children who currently attend Bells Crossing.
- VP of Communications position-- Now filled by Melissa Kendall. Volunteer of the Month for January? Consider giving it to all 3 women on the Teacher Appreciation Committee (Katie Manire, Sarah Beasley, Karla Haffey) February: Autumn Cox for organizing the dance.
- Teacher mini-grants: Mrs. Boyd's opinion is that \$300 would still excite everyone if we needed to drop the amount to approve more grants. We received 32 requests last year and spent \$17,000. We can open it up and let everyone submit their requests and then we grant or decline depending on budget. Cap it at \$400 per request. If each asks for \$400 based on a \$6,000 budget we could grant 15 requests and then apply additional EagleFest funds to make up the difference.
- Frosty Fair- We want to use them again next year. Sarah needs a co-committee head.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- State of the budget: \$68,500 in our account. A lot of that is the profit from EagleFest. We have quite a bit from the Silent Auction. We were charged credit card fees of around \$400. We made more money from EagleFest this year than 2022. Frosty Fair and the Silent Auction were about the same as 2022.

#### **VP of Programs Report:**

- SEEDS: Tiffany is going to reach out to Jennifer Crawford for more information/updates. Book placement needs to stay in the library. Create a template for SEEDS so parents can fill out a report on their book with a copy of the activity.
- Publishing Center: Now that all students have a chromebook, could the students type their own books? Not going to put a ton of effort towards this. Put it to a vote to the teachers. Talk to the librarians and see if they have any interest in being a part of this. Ross is going to get feedback.
- Boosterthon: We will hear from them in February. The week in advanced we will get all of the supplies. Figure out the ultimate goal for the kids. What is

Mr. Ross going to do?? Base this off of the theme. What will we do with the money raised?? Possibly fixing the current canopy or putting a canopy over the new playground. Making an outdoor classroom out of the courtyard. Outdoor amphitheater possibly?? Mr. Ross is going to narrow down the ideas.

**VP of Ways & Means Report:**

- Upcoming Spirit Nights—Twisted Cup

**VP of Volunteers Report:**

- Volunteer signups:

Great Book Exchange Jan 31 – Feb 2

Dance Set Up : Feb 9

**VP of Communications Report:**

- Now Melissa Kendall
- Nothing to report

**Secretary Report:**

- Spirit Rock potential- schools in the area charge anywhere from \$15/day with the max of 3 days. Discussing appropriate placement. 4pm-4pm it would be yours. The next person could not start painting until 4pm. Will think about this and make a decision.