

Black Mountain Schools PTO
General Meeting
4/1/19

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of notes from March meeting

III. Leadership and Committee Reports

A. President (Shane Lunsford)

1. Waiting on IRS to review our suggested change to a nonprofit organization and name change
2. Parent Survey in May to gather feedback from schools community

B. VP BME (Erica Griffin)

1. STEM night at elementary school. Great night with high involvement
2. Stepping Up Ceremony chaired by Missy Harrington in May TBA
3. Field Day will be coordinated by Becky Swann and Erica Griffin TBA
4. Need a new VP for elementary school. Please consider taking on this role
5. Transition Night for 3rd grader on May 9, 2019
6. Thank you for supporting teachers on Pi(e) Day!

C. VP BMP (Jen Marsh)

1. Book Fair a success at both schools
2. Food Fair for month of April
3. Goodwill Trailer
4. Kindergarten Enrollment (need for PTO representation)
5. Field Day coordinated by Jen Marsh and Rachel Sudnik
6. Parent Coffee Social May 17th invite new Kindergarten parents 8-9 AM
7. May 19th Lead the Way 5K sign up on PTO Facebook page

D. Principal's Report (Mrs. McGinnis and Mrs. Roberts)

1. Senior Walk in May 20th at both schools 9:30 AM at BME 9:55 AM BMP
2. Kindergarten Orientation information to come

E. Treasurer's Report

1. All accounts are reconciled between both schools
2. Budget is being followed carefully and will post on PTO website
3. PTO General Fund designated to support schools as events arise
4. Have found a bookkeeper to support Chasity Bowles
5. Clarification on Budget Report (will schedule an Exec mtg in April to make the financial reports clear)

F. Staff Appreciation (Amy Berry)

1. March- Pi(e) Day was fun and delicious. Teachers are thankful!
2. February- Bathroom treats (soaps in bathrooms)
3. April- Flower Cart on April 11th for Teachers to make their own bouquets. Please look for flyer with further information on donating flowers
4. May- Staff Appreciation Week May 6th. Look for sign up to contact local business to request donated items for raffle.

IV. Discussion

- a) Financial (see Treasurer's Report)
- b) Playground Committee Update
 1. Andrew Marsh, Tim Woodcock, and Phil Berry met last week to discuss maintenance of grounds. Specifically, addressing water drainage issues on BMP playground.
- c) Spring Events
 1. See Leadership notes and committee notes above
- d) Executive Leadership
 1. If you are interested in taking on a role, please let the Exec know. We are looking for leadership on the Executive Committee and Chairs of Committees
- e) Board Recruiting
 1. Positions are opening for the 2019-2020 school year.
- f) Open Discussion/Feedback
 1. Sunday, April 7th is Black Mountain Community Clothing Swap 1-3 PM at Black Mountain Library
 2. World Autism Tuesday, April 2nd
 3. April is Child Abuse Prevention month
 4. Observations on combining the BMP and BME PTOs
 - a. Amy Berry- figuring our roles has been challenging, but good. Observed a decrease in volunteer numbers. Perhaps connected to needing more events and activities to engage community. Reminder that paper flyers are used alongside electronic. Not everyone has access to technology. Specifically, rising fourth graders need to know what PTO opportunities are at BME.
 - b. Delta - Volunteering, but not receiving feedback, so unable to connect.
 - c. Becky Swann- great change in Winterfest and Playground, but it came at a cost. May Coffee Social will be an opportunity to engage
 - d. Rebecca McFatter- new parents are intimidated, so more social events is a good idea.
 - e. Mrs. McGinnis- one week out of every month the Facebook PTO address needs to go on the marquis.
 - f. Rachel Sudnik- thought it was a great year. Appreciated a limited number of events because makes it manageable for a lot of parents. Email

newsletter and PTO Facebook pages are really great! Take advantage of opportunity at Field Day to generate more support and awareness.

V. Motion to adjourn 4:15 PM by Erica Griffin