



Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 9, 2024

- A. Motion to approve last meeting's minutes (September 11, 2024)** - Roxy Lockhart moved to approve w/o changes, 2nd by Kara Lundquist. Meeting minutes can be found on our website: www.bsepto.org
- B. Principal's Report by Jenna Schuette-**
- a. Bear Run- Mrs. Schuette shared some fun pictures from the event. The kids loved the goal tracking poster that Kara and Roxy created in the multi. It was a gorgeous day and the lap trackers seemed to work well. Big thank you to everyone for another successful event. The kids love it.
 - b. Student Council- Elections were held last Thursday for our 4th and 5th grade classes. Our student council is led by Ms. Jimenez, Ms. DiNocco, and Mr. Callahan.
 - i. Our 2024-2025 Student Council: President- Kyle Beatty, Vice President- Zurich Marcik, Spirit Officer- Addie Lie, Historian- Adam Montgomery, Secretary- TBD
 - c. New Student Recognition Assemblies- Our PBIS Team wants to include parents when their students are being recognized at school. 4 assemblies this year (1st assembly October 25th). Parents will receive an invite if their student is being recognized. This assembly will include Schuette's Star students from Aug-Oct. 25th as well as those that receive the new Golden Bear award. There will be 2 Golden Bears per class (nominated by teachers).
 - d. District Advisory Committee (DAC)- Parent Rep. needed. 4-5 meetings per year. The district requests that this rep is a member of School Site Council, ELAC/DELAC, or other District organizations. This rep will go to the district office and meet with Superintendent Swanson. He will listen to your concerns and share a district level overview. First meeting: 5pm-6pm Wednesday, November 13th
 - i. Jamie Bracht volunteered to apply for the BSE DAC position
 - e. Schedule Alerts-
 - i. Monday, October 14, 2024: Non-Student Day (PD day for staff)
 - ii. November 1, 2024: Super Minimum Day, 11:38am dismissal (end of the 1st trimester)
 - iii. November 18-22, 2024: Minimum Days, 1:21pm dismissal- Parent Conferences 1st-5th grades. (Kinder parent conferences will be in Feb, TK in March)
- C. Teacher Report**
- a. Ms. DiNocco-
 - i. Thanks for all of the work on the Bear Run. The teachers appreciate how much effort the PTO makes to help the school and the teachers.
 - ii. Walker Creek is coming up and the 5th graders are excited. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring the charter bus to get the students to Walker Creek and back home again.
 - iii. Mrs. Wallace talked about the upcoming history day project for 4th/5th graders. This is part of a local, state, and national competition. This year's topic: Rights and Responsibilities. The final projects will be shown as an exhibit at BSE's open house in the spring.
 - b. Ms. Jimenez (Student Council Report)-
 - i. Ms. Jimenez would like to make the Student Council more visible and known in the school community and have the kids work at events and bring in more families. They will be running the food portion of Spooky Sprentz this year.
 - ii. PTO donated \$200 to Student Council this year. This will go toward Student Council shirts and other ideas that encourage more students to get involved. Ms. Jimenez wants the student council kids to take some agency and be seen around campus so that younger kids can aspire to that.
- D. Treasurer's Report**
- a. From President Ashley Ho-
 - i. Walker Creek Charter Bus: \$3500 to be sponsored by PTO. Already included in the budget
 - ii. School Assemblies- We currently have money budgeted for 3 all school assemblies. One of those assemblies will not be available this year. A worksheet was provided with today's meeting agenda listing the assemblies that are currently included in the budget/booked for this school year, as well as a list of assemblies to consider using the remaining available budget for.
 1. Question: Are we okay holding off on planning that additional assembly for now to give Ashley some time to check in with teachers and receive input?
 - a. Response: General membership agreed to hold off on planning for now.

2. BSE received state funding from Prop 28 to put toward arts and music education. Mrs. Schuette will look into how best to use it (potentially toward an art themed assembly or school play).
- b. From Treasurer Donavon Gray-
- i. Bear Run Numbers:
 1. Total Income- \$39,533.84
 - a. 99 Pledges (\$27,284.84), 2024 Bear Run Sponsors (\$7,005.00), Cash/Check Donations (\$5,244.00)
 2. Total Expenses- \$7,984.70 (Lap Tracking system- \$500 and totally worth it!)
 3. Total Income minus Expenses= \$31,549.14
 - ii. Referring to 2024-2025 FYTD Budget Report (provided at the meeting)
 1. FYTD Income- \$47,914.79
 2. FYTD Expenses- \$27,875.01
 3. Bank Balance- \$51,498.47
 - iii. 2024-2025 Final Budget (provided at the meeting)
 1. Includes numbers for overall general categories only.
 2. Note the projected year end balance. This balance is important to have at the end of the school year because it helps cover all expenses/events from July to September leading up to the next Bear Run Fundraiser.
- c. **Motion to Approve the 2024-2025 Final Budget-** Jamie Bracht moved to approve w/o changes, 2nd by Alisse Bath. The Final Budget was approved with zero opposition from the membership.

E. President's Report by Ashley Ho

- a. Past Events-
 - i. Bear Run- Huge success. Thanks all volunteers for everything!
 - ii. A Touch of Understanding- Hands-on assembly for 4th/5th graders. Their targeted age is 4th grade, so moving forward it will be a 4th grade only assembly.
- b. Upcoming Events-
 - i. Dine & Donate: Coordinated by Jamie Bracht. Next Wednesday, 10/16 at Sac Pizza Co. All are encouraged to share on social media to help us get more participation. Next month: 11/6 at Habit Burger. Future Dine & Donates include: Chipotle, Panda Express, Mountain Mike's, Dave and Buster's in March, Pete's, and Subway Picnic.
 - ii. Spooky Sprentz- October 25th
 1. Room Parents- Friday is the last day to let Ashley know if your booth will need electricity and/or a volunteer.
 2. Please check-in with your room parents to see if they need help.
 3. Sign-up to help on our website: www.bsepto.org/spookysprentz
 - iii. Costume Parade- October 31st 8:30ish (Brachts are organizing coffee and donuts)
 1. 2-3 Volunteers needed to help set-up and help parents with signing in
 - iv. Ice Rink Takeover- November 11th 2:00-3:00pm
 1. Volunteers needed to help with check-in and to purchase/manage s'more supplies
 2. Limited tickets available. Purchase at www.bsepto.org/icerink
 - v. Canned Food Drive- November 4th-15th. Chaired by Beth Brenneman. We will be partnering with Twin Lakes Food Bank this year.
 - vi. Drum Perks Assembly- Thursday, November 14th. Volunteers needed for setup/takedown
 - vii. Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day- November 14th. Chaired by Donavon Gray
 1. Wear purple. Walk to school and stage at the back field/lower gate entrance at 7:45am so that everyone can walk through the gate together at 8:15am. We received goodies to handout to participants (beanies, flags, stickers, wristbands...)
 2. Volunteers needed: Setup (possibly day before), decorations (balloons, ribbons), handout goodies, help supervise. More details to follow.
 - viii. State Testing- The PTO has budgeted to provide snacks during the CAASPP in April and ELPAC in May. Marlena Santos will be coordinating with Melinda Keller. Thank you!

F. Opens

- a. This year's Starstruck theme is Disney. December 10th and 12th (dates to be confirmed)
- b. PTO member asks us to consider budgeting for a new Buster bear suit. Current suit has a hole
- c. Question regarding how many parent teacher conferences we have per school year. Mrs. Schuette's reply: there is just one per year in November. In March there is a meeting day for the highest need/risk kids. Otherwise, reach out to your teacher with any concerns via email.

Next meeting: November 13, 2024 7:00pm in the library and on Zoom (2nd Wednesday of the month)