

Birnham Woods Elementary PTO Meeting
March 9, 2023
Room A3

Present:

Tammie Allison, President
Stephanie Christian, Vice President
Cecy Camacho, VP of Hospitality
Christie McQueen, Spirit Night Coordinator
Jennifer Mathewson, Volunteer Coordinator
Jessica McCarty, VP of Fundraising
Krissi Famolaro, Parliamentarian
Kristen Michael, Treasurer
Larisa Grensted, Secretary/Communications
Shanna Myers, VP of Sponsorship
Stacy VanDuivendyk, Hospitality Co-Chair
Tristian French, Fundraising Co-Chair

Participants: Dr. Mikia Barnes, Jennifer Martindale, Molly Shearer, Faith Trepl, Chrsitina Hernandez, Rachel Turner, Anjanette Paul, Sarah Kearns, Jody Schechter, Jaimie Stitzel, Christine Barnett

I. Meeting called to order at 9:34 a.m. by BWE PTO President Tammie Allison.

II. Voting for 2023-2024 Board Positions

- a. Voting has begun. Please turn in the ballot by 10 a.m. Nominating committee will count ballots after the meeting and contact candidates this afternoon.

III. Treasurer's Report - Kristen Michael, Treasurer

- a. Cash Report
 - i. Beginning balance: \$76,660.05
 - ii. Income: \$10,189.03
 - iii. Expenses: \$39,950.69
 - iv. Ending balance: \$46,898.39
 - v. *Stephanie Christian motioned to approve cash report. Seconded by Cecy Camacho. Cash report approved.*

IV. Principal's Report - Dr. Barnes, BWE Principal

- a. Bond planning committee. No meeting this week yet (will tonight). No new updates.
 - i. What will be placed before committee tonight: mulch for ground, playground itself.
 - 1. Looking to include funding for playgrounds in the package to the community. Not every school has a playground. If the board approves the bond, and community votes on it, there is a possibility for funding for playground. Usually this is a burden carried by the PTO.
 - 2. The ground. Want it to be accessible to all students, so need access to walkers or wheelchairs. Looking at a "foam" outdoor flooring.
- b. Campus updates.
 - i. Currently at 1,002 students.
 - ii. Yesterday, the school successfully passed the state safety audit. It is unannounced, and they can even come again.
 - iii. Spring break is next week, March 13-17. Staff development day on Monday.
 - iv. This week is Educational Diagnostician week.
 - v. April 4 is School Librarian Appreciation Day.
 - vi. April 4-8 is National Assistant Principals Week
 - vii. April 23 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day (will celebrate on Friday or Monday - TBD).
 - viii. Field trips are secured, but working on buses.

V. Presidents and Principal's Meeting - Krissi Famolaro, Parliamentarian

- a. Krissi went in lieu of Tammie.
- b. Talked about MOCO Fair and Rodeo and why they benefit our schools. We encourage you to visit, because HS seniors can get scholarships. It starts in April and has a carnival and rodeo. Free to park and get in; you just pay for food, rides and games. Will be getting flyers that will be put in Bulldog Blast.

VI. PTO Scholarship - Jennifer Mathewson, Volunteer Coordinator

- a. Scholarships have been sent to GOHS and ORHS. Two \$1,000 scholarships. Larisa (secretary) will black out any identifiers and ensure all submissions followed requirements. Board will vote blindly for top two applicants.

VII. Fundraising Updates - Jessica McCarty, Tristian French - VP of Fundraising

- a. STEAM Fair this past weekend. Kids had fun with hands on experiments and teacher interactions. Since it has been several years since we've done one, we discussed pros and cons of the event. Had 601 attendees.
- b. Silent Auction updates. Will run April 21-27. Board members are asked to reach out to companies for donations. Working with The Falls HOA on a social at the clubhouse.

VIII. Yearbook Update - Cecy Camacho, VP of Hospitality

- a. Remember to purchase your yearbook, because price goes up to \$35 tomorrow, no exceptions.
- b. Everybody has a 2-page spread with the pictures you want. Will be seen by you only. The pictures are not uploaded to the full server where everyone can see, either.
- c. Everything (purchasing, ads and personalized spread) are due April 6.
- d. Ads (dedications) for sale for \$15 for $\frac{1}{8}$ page. These will print in everybody's yearbook.
- e. Parent question: Can we do a video or post/tutorial for your own spread and how to do it?

IX. Father/Son Event - Kristen Michael, Treasurer

- a. Father/Son Nerf Wars. April 1, begins at 5:30 p.m. at Holcomb YMCA. Free to attend, but \$10 for Nerf War ticket, \$2.50 safety goggles. Need volunteers to corral younger volunteers. Need help loading supplies on Friday to bring on Saturday.

X. Mother/Daughter Event - Christie McQueen, Spirit Night Coordinator

- a. Mr. T. (art teacher) volunteered to do a guided painting event in the cafeteria on Apr. 14 from 6-8 p.m. Cheddar Up link will be available soon. \$10 a person will cover supplies and rental fee for cafeteria through CISD.

XI. Class Shirt Updates - Jennifer Mathewson, Volunteer Coordinator

- a. Last order cut off last night and is being submitted today. Every student registered today will have a shirt. These are worn on field trips, field day, daily or weekly etc. Some teachers have designated "spirit" days.

XII. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.