

Birnham Woods Elementary PTO General Meeting  
November 7, 2024  
BWE Room A3

**Present:**

**Faith Trepl, President**

**Noor Ferrell, Vice President**

**Jennifer Martindale, Spirit Night Coordinator**

**Jennifer Mathewson, Fundraising**

**Jessica McCarty, Parliamentarian**

**Kristen Michael, Treasurer**

**Larisa Grensted, Secretary**

**Lindsey Newsome, Sponsorship**

**Stephanie Christian, Hospitality**

**Board member(s) not present:**

*Anjanette Paul, Volunteer Coordinator*

*Cecilia Camacho, Hospitality*

**Attendees:** Dr. Barnes, Janie Rountree, Melanie Denouden, Jenny Smith, Richard Shea, Shanna Myers, Marilyn Bushary, Lisa Hagebusch, Amanda Nanfro, Ashley Lumpkin, Lauren Roth

**I. Meeting called to order at 9:32 a.m. by BWE PTO President Faith Trepl.**

**II. Principal's Report - Dr. Barnes, Principal**

- A. Thankful season. Thank you for all the things! Boosterthon was amazing. Thank you to ALL of our volunteers, soliciting donations, decorations, etc.
- B. Enrollment increased by three since last month - 848 little Bulldogs.
- C. We have phenomenal long term subs, but do still have vacancies. Counselor, 3rd grade and Life Skills Aide. (Simmons - retired counselor is long term counselor; we are gaining another retired counselor who will help manage 504 load (only 1 day a week)). Ms. Johnson's long term sub is Ms. Tatum.
- D. Holiday season. November has quite a few things going on. Veteran's Day celebration on Monday. Breakfast at 8:30, 4th grade program will be at 6:00 p.m.
  1. Generation Texas week Nov. 11-15th. Details coming in Bulldog Blast.
  2. Book fair starts next week. Open throughout the day. Students will need an e-wallet. Will have a parent shopping community event on Nov. 16th with seven food trucks. Event is called Books and Bites.

- 3. Thanksgiving break Nov. 25-29.
  - E. Robotics Club - Ms. Peoples is the sponsor. Applications going out Friday.
  - F. Recognized 180 student SAEs in October.
  - G. Recognized 67 staff TAEs in October.
  - H. Will celebrate Bulldog Best (Gratitude).
- III. Approval of meeting minutes - Larisa Grensted, Secretary**
- A. *Motion to approve meeting minutes from October 10, 2024 by Stephanie Christian. Seconded by Jessica McCarty. Motion adopted.*
- IV. Treasurer Updates - Kristen Michael**
- A. Cash Report/Budget Report
    - 1. Beginning balance July: \$14,991.89
    - 2. Income: \$71,911.25
    - 3. Expenses: \$19,975.29
    - 4. Ending balance: \$66,927.85
    - 5. *Motion to approve October cash report by Jennifer Mathewson. Seconded by Jessica McCarty. Motion adopted.*
- V. Fundraising Updates - Jennifer Mathewson**
- A. Boosterthon Wrap Up
    - 1. It was very successful! \$92,667 grand total! Working on purchasing technology at this moment.
- VI. Spirit Nights Coordinator Updates - Jennifer Martindale**
- A. Chick Fil A Recap
    - 1. October 29th. Came in at \$683.53.
  - B. Upcoming Spirit Nights:
    - 1. Scooter's Coffee - November 18th. Next Spirit Night.
    - 2. Woodson's - December 12th.
- VII. Volunteer Coordinator Updates - Anjanette Paul**
- A. Holiday Parties
    - 1. Dates have not yet been announced. Once they are, she will be in contact with room parents.
  - B. Nov. 20th next meeting for room parents.
- VIII. Events**
- A. Mother/Daughter Paint Night - Kristen Michael and Larisa Grensted
    - 1. November 8th, 6-8 p.m. Mr. T. is teaching a guided painting. Sponsor is Magical Vacation Planner. Painting fun pumpkin painting. Partnered with HEB and CFA for cookie donations. Tickets are still open for purchasing.
  - B. Bulldog Store - Larisa Grensted
    - 1. November 19-20. Need volunteers. Thank you so much to everyone who has worked this in the past!

## **IX. Old Business**

### **A. Decorations committee**

1. Holiday decor
  - a) Veteran's decorations were completed yesterday for 4th grade program is on Monday.
2. 3rd grade music program
  - a) Meeting on Tuesday Nov. 12th at 9:15 on the stage for 3rd grade Holly Jolly Jalopy program. Decorations go up Dec. 9th. After this meeting (at 10:00), we will continue to talk about holiday decorations for entryway and cafeteria. Theme is Candy Cane Lane. Will send kids home with paper ornaments/candy canes and we will attach these to the decorations.

### **B. Birthday grams**

1. Still for sale. Link is in Bulldog Blast and on Facebook.

### **C. Yearbook**

1. 10% went away on Oct. 31st, but still for sale on treering.com.

## **X. Open floor**

### **A. What are you buying for Boosterthon? - Amanda**

1. Chromebooks, cases, charges.

### **B. What are you doing with overage? - Amanda**

1. Board is still looking at options. All purchases have to go through CISD's vendors. Balls are rolling.

### **C. Is there a Father-Son activity? - Jenny**

1. Boys and bikes BMX event. This year won't be a mother/son or father/son. It will be an overall son event, any and all parents. January 17th, Friday night.

## **XI. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.**

### **Important Dates:**

#### ***November:***

8: Mother/Daughter Paint Night

11: Veteran's Day Breakfast

11: 4th grade program

15: Bubble Assembly

18: Spirit Day - Scooter's Coffee

19-20: Bulldog Store

21: Bulldog Best (Gratitude)

25-29: Thanksgiving Break

**December:**

5: PTO General Meeting  
12: 3rd Grade Program  
12: Spirit Day - Woodson's  
19: Bulldog Best (Generosity)  
20: Early release

**January:**

7: Students back to school  
9: PTO General Meeting  
14-15: Bulldog Store  
17: Son event - BMX  
20: Student Holiday  
30: Bulldog Best (Honesty)  
30: 2nd grade program

**Action items:**

None.

**Votes recap:**

III.A. - *Motion to approve meeting minutes from October 10, 2024 by Stephanie Christian. Seconded by Jessica McCarty. Motion adopted.*

IV.A.5. - *Motion to approve October cash report by Jennifer Mathewson. Seconded by Jessica McCarty. Motion adopted.*

**Notes:**

*Motion carried - received a second.*

*Motion rejected - received no second motion.*

*Motion adopted - motion was carried, ayes win.*

*Motion lost - motion was carried, nays win.*