

Attendees: Committee Members Gunkle, Schusler, Johnson, Leadem, Holland, Goude, Holt, Porter, Gannon, Parker

Principal Holland provided the enthusiastic welcome, and the agenda and previous meeting's minutes were approved by Ms. Gunkle and Mrs. Porter.

Principal's Report: BES arrived successfully to the much-anticipated Christmas Break. MAP testing is completed. The BES float for the Beaufort Holiday Parade was a success with many faculty and staff members participating.

Business:

- Community Partners: Discussion centered on a Gallery Wall which will be constructed on the hallway wall across from Mrs. Holland's office. This display will feature our BES Community Partners; ideally we will target 10-12 features to start. Each partner will have a framed depiction of their association; Battery Creek HS and Mrs. Yongue's son who is a carpenter will be the original members. The project will be scalable so no larger frame to surround the smaller frames will be requested of the design team. Mrs. Gannon offered to work with the artistic team to design the certificates featuring each partner. The plan is for this display to begin early Spring 2020. Committee members were tasked with engaging additional community partners to join. A flyer titled "Sail Into Success: Become A STEM Business Partner with BES" was provided to assist in this activity.
- Parental Involvement: Three ideas were offered for consideration:
- The first: To test the efficacy of the weekly newsletter, it was proposed to include a message that if the newsletter was returned signed by the parent the student will receive an incentive.
- The second: The creation of a Parental Portal to share the opportunities for volunteer activities, special supplies requested by teachers and staff, and other opportunities for parents to become more engaged. This portal would complement the existing Facebook postings, designed especially for those parents not currently utilizing this social platform.
- Lastly: An idea for Spring 2020 - Hosting a Strengthening Families Program series. This is a full-family engaged parenting program designed to build stronger families and presented by Hopeful Horizons. The series runs for fourteen weeks, meeting one night per week from 6-8 pm. Both childcare and a full meal for all participants is provided as features of the program. Generous incentives, including a graduating family dinner banquet, is included. We would potentially invite 20/30 families to participate, with the expectation/hope that 8/10 of them become engaged.

The meeting was adjourned so that interested attendees could visit the Montessori Showcase. The adjournment was approved by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Gannon.

Respectfully submitted by John Leadem.