

Bon Meade Elementary PTC
Date of Meeting: 3-10-2022
9:30 a.m.
Bon Meade Elementary Cafeteria In-Person meeting
Presiding Officer: Jennifer Gregory, President
Officers Absent: Laura Columbus, Treasurer
Members in Attendance: 20
Guests in Attendance: Ashley Beeson, Principal
Time Adjourned: 10:35
Prepared by: Trista Gehrlein, Secretary

The meeting opened with a welcome from the President and the Pledge of Allegiance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Copies of the February minutes were distributed for review and approved for the record.
Motion: Amy Oledzki
Second: Maddy Johnson
- Two thank you cards were distributed. One to Chelse Glover for her donation of cookies to PBIS. And one to Edward Reynolds for his monetary donation to the school for sensory equipment.
- A Skyward blast advertised our last Spirit Store free shipping promotion of the year. Upon it's completion, free shipping will still be available on purchases over \$35. Some spring items have been added. Our current return rate is 15% and we have qualified to continue the store next year. We are very close to the 20% return rate, so families are encouraged to continue shopping. Fund distribution will occur after the store closure in May. Those funds will be available to the PTC for use next school year.
- A virtual Family Tech Talk has be scheduled for April 6th at 8 p.m. This free webinar is sponsored by Trend Micro. A Skyward blast containing discussion topics and a Zoom link will be distributed to parents in the upcoming weeks. This family friendly event is geared toward caregivers with children of all ages . A live question and answer session will follow the webinar. The estimated run time is 75 minutes. We will attempt to distribute post webinar materials as they become available to us. We will forward Mrs. Beeson pertinent building and teacher resources for her review.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Copies of the Treasurer's Report and the Reconciliation Report were distributed for review. In the Treasurer's absence, they were presented by Jennifer Gregory, President.
- Of note, the line item for the Pittsburgh Zoo is a hold item.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

- In this blended year, more opportunities for parents have become available. We are all grateful for them and, as we progress toward a new normal, Mrs. Beeson encourages all families to become involved.
- We are in our 6th year of PBIS. To keep things in motion, Mrs. Beeson is happy to receive reward or activity ideas from members.
- A Skyward will be coming out to inform families about 3rd and 4th grade PSSAs. The testing will occur in April.
- We are having field trips this year. Due to anticipated driver shortages, these trips will occur earlier in the school year. Our current transportation contract protects us from an increase in cost related to the recent drastic rise in gas prices.
- A building-wide Penny War is in progress and will continue through March 18th. Skyward messages were distributed to families detailing the event. Funds will benefit The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Students of the Year program. Member Ann Pippy expressed her gratitude and kindly shared the story behind this fundraiser. Of note, Clearview Federal Credit Union will be waiving their coin machine use fee for everyone during this fundraiser.
- Mrs. Beeson welcomes ideas and suggestions for other organizations seeking future donations.
- Families should have received virtual Career Fair information. Anyone wanting to participate in making a shareable, short, five minute video should reach out to Katie Frizzell at bmcareerfair@google.com. Alternatively, they can contact Mrs. Spirnak. The Career Fair serves to meet the required career readiness standards for grades K-4.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success with record reaching totals. Sales totaled \$13,528.03 with \$3,165.22 going directly to our school library. Mrs. Andrews and the PTC would like to extend their sincere thanks to all of the families for their participation. Our school network continued to pose a few technical obstacles but the overall experience was pleasant. Several questions about accounts and excess funds were raised. Stephanie Conlon, VP, will be reaching out to Scholastic for clarification. Those clarifications will be made available at the next meeting if possible.
- The Virtual Art Show is in progress. Amy Oledzki, Member at Large, is working with Mrs. Teeple on this project. She will work to clarify any questions that were raised. Caregivers who opted to pick up their orders will be able to collect them at the school. A pick up date has not yet been determined. The link for the art show is <https://artomeplus.com/bonmeadeelsch15108>
- Field trip dates have been set for K and 1st grades. When dates are set, families are contacted via Skyward with further information. Grades 2-4 field trips are still in the process of finalization. A limited number of chaperones will be permitted. This number may vary per grade level. In addition to having active clearances, interested individuals will be responsible to pay a chaperone fee. The fee amount will be made available in advance. Stephanie Conlon, VP, will clarify if a personal site membership can be put toward this chaperone fee. Chaperones will be randomly selected and notified as far in advance as possible.
- The PTC Board Election process has begun and will continue through March 31st. Members Lauren Foley, Lindsey Egler and Rebecca Ebert will serve on this year's Nomination Committee. A written election procedure summary was provided to the members in attendance. A Skyward message detailing the office responsibilities will be distributed to families. Members are asked to refer to those communications. Nominations

for all offices are actively being sought and may be anonymously forwarded to bmpptelection@gmail.com. The current Executive Board consists of the following members:

President - Jennifer Gregory
Vice President - Stephanie Conlon
Secretary - Trista Gehrlein
Treasurer - Laura Columbus

Excluding the President, all positions may have two officers. Caregivers are encouraged to learn more and become be an active part of our PTC. Nominate someone of interest today!

OPEN DISCUSSION ITEMS

- The traditional year end Fun Day will experience some modifications this year. We are looking to plan a year end activity and will provide more details as they become available.
- General membership expressed some interest in a hybrid format for future PTC meetings. The PTC will explore this option while giving attention to the safety of the students and our current building limitations in regard to technology.
- Amy Oledzki, Member at Large, will be organizing our upcoming Teacher Appreciation Week.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 10th PTC Board nomination open
- March 18th Penny War Fundraiser ends
- March 21st No School, Teacher In-Service Day
- March 31st PTC Board nominations close
- April 1st PBIS Assembly
- April 6th virtual Family Tech Talk
- April 7th PTC General Member Meeting
- April 7th PTC Executive Board election ballot distributed

Motion to adjourn: Rebecca Ebert
Second: Kristin DiMuzio

This meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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