

Friday, November 17, 2023

# Bumpus Middle School

## PTO Executive Board Meeting

Members in attendance: Marcie Morris, Katie Friedman, Josie Kurz, Bevis, Amy Stephens, Spring Rush, Carolyn Bunch, Heather Kirk, Allison Burlison, Ali Owens, Hillary Wilkerson, Sunny Slone, Donna Burke, Shanthi Ravikumar, Holli Parker, Justin Hardy.

Meeting called to order by Katie Friedman at 8:47am.

Motion to approve October minutes by Josie Kurz, seconded by Heather Kirk. Motion passed by unanimous vote to approve. PTO Board voted via email prior to the November meeting to fund the budget for the rest of the semester.

### President's Report - Katie Friedman

- A few HPTC updates from the meeting:
  - There will be a ribbon cutting in February 2024 for the Performing Arts Center. All Hoover schools will be able to use the facility and it will fit 950 people.
  - Parking at the facility has been an issue as we lost 214 spaces, however we will gain back 80 once construction is over. Land by the baseball fields is being surveyed for more parking in the future.
  - New turf is being installed on the baseball fields at HHS along with facility improvements to bathrooms and lighting, etc.
  - RC3 tour for Bumpus 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be in Spring. RC3 is adding a new Auto/Electric Vehicle Center.
  - Mike Shaw, our state representative was at the meeting and encouraged everyone to stay involved in the law process and watch bills that are coming down and to email representatives with any questions.
  - School calendar for 2024-2025 has been released. There were several questions regarding fall break and winter break and there's concerns about only one break between Spring Break and the end of the year. Katie will take questions and concerns to next HPTC meeting.

### Principal's Report - Donna Burke

- A concern was raised regarding the lights on the fields not being very bright. Ms. Burke is looking into it.
- Ms. Burke is meeting with SGA today regarding a review of the school dance and discussions on how to improve it next year. The biggest issue was carpool. Other schools

do different things, so Bumpus will consider staggering times for each grade next year. There were also issues with kids walking home from the dance when it was not allowed so we need parents to follow the directions regarding carpool pickup for the kids safety. They're considering paying for an additional police officer next year for carpool safety.

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade clubs were a huge success. Bumpus received a \$10k donation from Leigh Hulse, our school's state representative, and the clubs were where that money went. Ms. Burke feels strongly that our 6<sup>th</sup> graders need a way to get involved and invested in their school since they can't do athletics yet.
- We're having trouble with kids increasing deficit in their accounts in the cafeteria. The cafeteria can go roughly \$200 in the hole, but our deficit is bigger than that now.
- End of term assessments will be Dec 13 (ELA/Science) and Dec 14 (Math/Social Studies). Each hall will have the same assessment. The goal is to utilize more instructional time rather than giving a study guide at the beginning of the week and students working on that one thing all week.
- Some office furniture is in, the rest will be here December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Getting core values on the walls has been expensive, so they're looking into other companies.
- Snowmen for winter decorations have been ordered.
- There's continued issues with our walkers going home to Lake Wilburn. Ms. Burke is meeting with city officials to discuss creating a sidewalk behind our fields that will go into Lake Wilburn without being so close to the main roads.
- The only way to make end of the day carpool better is for people to actually carpool so we can get less cars in the line. Morning carpool runs fine because they can be dropped off early, but afternoon carpool continues to be an issue. Ms. Burke has discussed the idea of removing the islands that block the third lane of carpool.
- Ms. Burke has discussed capital improvements for our school with Dr. Maddox, including bathrooms at fields, lighting, etc.

### Treasurer's Report - (Julie Dozier not present)

- COH as of October 31 is \$52,875.
- Shanti funded the remainder of the first semester budget after the books were closed for October, so this will be reflected in the November report. The amount funded for the remainder of the first semester is \$11,412.50.
- Balance in special projects is \$733.
- We received \$180.37 from Spirit Night at Magic Milkshakes.
- We received \$475.24 from Publix in October.
- There are a couple of expense funds that are negative, but that should be fixed now that the budget was funded, with the exception of School Beautification - \$1,687.56 was spent in October on chairs and white boards and we may need to vote to fund more of the budget for this line items since we're in the negative.

### Fundraising Report - (Liz Conboy not present)

- Working on December spirit night. Choir spirit night ended up being the same week as another spirit night at Bumpus so the choir night will be rescheduled.

### Hospitality - Holli Parker

- There will be a Sweet Shop for teachers in December that will have cookies and other sweets. Everything will be donated via signup genius by parents so it won't cost anything. Sunny will find a date and get back to us.

### Events - Hillary Wilkerson

- Nothing to report

### Volunteers -Justin Hardy

- Will get the signup genius ready for the Sweet Shop once we have a date.
- Soup Day went very well. Teachers had glowing reviews of the soups offered.

### Communications Report - Heather Kirk

- Will share the signup for the next spirit night and for the Sweet Shop when they're ready.

### Faculty Report - Sunny Sloane Not Present

- Nothing to report

Next meetings: December 8<sup>th</sup> and January 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:58 am.