

# BES PTO/SIC Meeting

April 25, 2024, 5:30 PM, Upstairs PLC Room

## Welcome (Mrs Sackman)

### Principal's Report

#### Title 1 Plan (review potential 2024 plan)

- BES Student/Teacher/Parent Compact (review)
- Parent and Family Engagement Policy (review)
- Funds are based on goals for Academics, School Climate, Administrator/Teacher Quality
- SC Ready is only at the end of the school year, iReady is 3 times per year but last one is at the tail end of the year as well, so goals are based on the Winter iReady results
  - Math is the weak point currently, with over a third of students below grade level
  - Reading has been a strong focus over the last 5 years and the results reflect that
  - Goals include reading/writing, math, and science
    - How can the school use STEAM and arts to feed into these goals?
    - How can we involve parents in reaching these goals?
  - Professional development opportunities for teachers is also a focus for these funds
  - Mrs Sackman presented goals based on IREADY and Dreambox scores (i.e. measurable metrics), math fluency kits
  - Each teacher will complete one STEAM and one arts integrated lesson per quarter to support math standards
    - Mrs Brown (AMES 4th grade) has an ongoing project involving making cubes to represent large numbers for example
  - Book study groups for teachers, revisiting books previously reviewed
  - Further action steps are in the School Renewal Plan Executive Summary
  - Increasing Professional Development hours, and making them on-site
  - SC STEM will be doing their first in-person conference since COVID, BES will send a team there
  - Home parent surveys don't get a high amount of participation. Discussion of potential incentives for these, like a raffle, or dress-down passes, pizzas, something like that?
- Title 1 budget changes, but in addition to items mentioned above, it covers parent liaison and half-time reading interventionist. After school clubs are covered, STEAM field trips for all grade levels, visiting programs to the school and artisan residencies. Food for literacy night, STEAM nights, etc., behavior intervention. Extra funds were reclaimed by dropping one of the paid positions that was previously covered.

## Misc.

Owner of University Bicycles announced a bike ride on the Bluff across from the school on Saturday at 9 AM.

## SIC

School Renewal Plan (Mrs Sackman basically covered this during her presentation)

## Potential Dates and To-Do List for Courtyard Beautification

Herb garden being planted

Pollenator garden over on the weather station side?

Can we reach out to the Gullah farm co-op regarding Gullah folktales around the turtles?

Possible plywood (pressure treated) to cover the sinkhole over the french drain that keeps opening up at the turtle enclosure.

Probably need an outdoor storage cabinet to hold supplies.

## PTO

### PTO Account

Erin announced \$9564.60 balance for Meg who is out of town. Initial deposit from read-a-thon and last year's dance was \$7949.40. This year's dance brought in \$900-something. Cookie dough brought in \$5868 (we keep \$3385.20). Pastries was similar.

## Remaining Events

Teacher appreciation ideas:

May 6-10:

- Cinnabon truck in the morning (6th, 7th, or 10th)
- Snack cart (snacks and drinks)
- Publix trays for lunch? Upper Crust? Chick-fil-a?
- Chair massage (Spring Island Chiropractors)?
- Gift card.
- Coffee bar? Donuts?

Bring the Kona ice truck in for the students, PTO pay for one for every student. Do it right near the end of the school year (June 5th is the last day). Have them swing through at the end of their lunch period. Erin is going to reach out to them.

## Sneaker Dance

May 30. Simpler than Winter Dance. PTO will get snacks and drinks. No decorations. Maybe during the school day, in the gym, in grade groups (preK-1, 2-3 & Montessori, 4-5). Need to clear it with Ms Heid. Maybe laser tag too?

## Next Meeting

May 30, 5:30 PM

Mrs Sackman plans to have some SCREADY testing results by then, possibly not officially released but available to inform goals etc.

PTO Board election

Beginning of the year events

PTO Schedule/events

**Back to school at the drive in?**