

BEAUFORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO/ SIC AGENDA

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August 28, 2025

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Principal's Report

- Welcome from Ms. DeBruin

SIC

- Current Members: Marianne Blake, Courtney Mincey, Erin Somerall, Ali Strickland, Mindy Anthony, Donna Conlon
- Must have 2 parents as elected members, 2 teachers as elected members, 2 community members appointed, and admin staff
- Usually TOW is a representative for teachers
- Heather Middleton interested, Courtney Mincey agreed to serve again
- 2 year appointment for each board member
- Information due by October 15 – needs to be in system by Nov. 15
- Bylaws will be sent to interested individuals – for feedback
- School renewal plan:
 - SC ready data still embargoed, not released until mid-Oct, therefore no update on goals at this time
 - Goals:
 - K-2 students math: increase from 50% to 57% at or above 50thile
 - 3-5 math: increase from 58% at meet or exceeds on 2026 test
 - ELA goal: K-2 37% to 54% at 50thile or higher
 - SC Ready 67th% (from 65%) for 2026 test
 - School Climate Survey – chronic absentee rate – entered into Be Present campaign which is SC state initiative to reduce chronic absenteeism (includes student waivers, posters, goals, competitions)
 - Would like to reduce tardies as well
 - Another goal: PD hours for teachers – continuing with staff attending min. of 3 hours of PD in STEAM and ARTS

PTO

- **Welcome!**
 - Introductions – board members = President: Megan Brauer; President Elect: ---; Treasurer: Venus Manigo; Treasurer Elect: Heather Middleton; Secretary: Erin Somerall

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- 2025 – 2026 Event Calendar – updated calendar will be sent
 - Changes to calendar: PTO meetings prior to BES events
 - 9/25 with Chat and Chew (meeting at 4:30)
 - PTO will start at 4:30 to conduct prior to school event
 - Possible 4:30 board meeting; 5:00 present info to parents
 - Event in cafeteria; PTO in gym/atrium
 - 10/23: PTO followed by STEM
 - November: just PTO
 - 12/18: PTO prior to Winter Showcase
 - 1/29 PTO then Chat and Chew K-2
 - Feb.: PTO then Literacy Night
 - March: PTO only
 - April: PTO then Math Carnival
 - May: PTO only
 - Have 5:30 meetings on nights when only PTO meeting
- **Board Reports**
 - Presidents Report
 - Summer Recap – met in June and reviewed year to schedule events and fundraisers on the calendar
 - Also went over compliance info.
 - Givebacks platform
 - Compliance updates
 - Provided by district – paid for by district
 - Treasurers report – as of June opening balance = \$3,930.37
 - paid for in July – t-shirts for new teachers; additional t- shirts
- **Givebacks intro**
 - Fundraisers – not charged to use platform, only credit card fees
 - Keep 96% of profits; 4% credit card fees
 - Take order on Givebacks then transfer to fundraising companies
 - Will help with Winter dance – can pay online and provide ticket
 - Can also use QR code
 - Money goes directly into back account

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- Shop to Give: sign up/download; purchase certain products (like on Amazon); will offer donation to cause (BES PTO)
- Used for any fundraising – PTO or school
- PTO has own log-in

- **Committee Formations –**
 - Per bylaws – 7 different committees already formed
 - Need to vote to form more committees
 - Anyone interested in forming/joining committees – list will be sent out with description
 - Join PTO e-mail list if want to be in the know and be able to sign up for volunteering
 - Teachers would be interested in volunteers for classroom involvement; “rent-a-parent”; create google form with needs/days/times

- **Fundraiser Updates**
 - Read-a-thon to start 9/29:
 - Materials received
 - Will begin passing out one week prior
 - Advertising will start at that time as well
 - Finalizing rewards – focusing on reading minutes again this year
 - Need donations for October Huddle – ticket in raffle for every student who logged reading minutes

 - **Five Guys Community Night, 9/16 from 5-9pm**
 - 20% of profits on any order placed at restaurant during 4 hour window; do not have to be/say from BES; door dash/UberEATS not included
 - Can set up table during event to represent BES

Next Meeting – Sept 25th at 4:30

BES PTO Comment / Feedback form:

