



Ballwin Elementary PSO
(Parent School Organization)
400 Jefferson, Ballwin, MO 63021

Ballwin Elementary School

Meeting Date: 9/22/25

Meeting Location: Gym

Agenda/Meeting Notes

- Welcome & Introductions
 - In attendance: Emily Manninger, Heather Connell, Katie Jess, Mandy Pelhank, Ashley Force, Julie Millburg, Katie Soetaert, Abby Mucklow, Allyson Ryan, Merima Omeravic, Stephanie Vogel, Jordan Renner, Meg Acelar, Amanda Kiesel, Jen Roskowski
- Prop S Presentation
 - Dr. Curtis Cain and Mary Lapak were guests at the meeting. Dr. Cain presented information about proposition S. Proposition S will be on the November ballot asking for a \$.45 levy increase to recruit and retain quality teachers and staff, expand health care benefits to more employees and enhance safety and security across the district by hiring additional school safety officers. They are presenting in each quadrant in the district in October. Presentations on Proposition S are open to all Rockwood patrons.
- Principal's Report
 - Math Night on October 1 at Wild Horse Elem. RSVP with link in newsletter. We have a new math curriculum and you can learn all about it.
 - BWYB K is coming up!
 - A lot of teachers have used the teacher start up. Those who haven't may choose not to.
 - Buzz book will now be created by the office and sent out earlier in the year.
- Treasurer's Report
 - About \$47K in the bank. Details are listed on the budget which is on the website as well.

- Family Events
 - Movie Night - Huge success! About \$300 profit to go towards the movie license.
- Spirit Wear
 - Items will be distributed this week. Some were handed out by Meg tonight. \$409 profit. We will do another round of spirit wear in November/December.
- Teacher Wish List - Google Form
 - May not be able to cover as many items due to changes in budget. This will go out next week with a due date of 10/10.
- FEATS
 - Parent teacher conferences feed teachers/staff for both nights. They will ask for donations from parents soon. The budget increase will help a lot. Cookie day will be in December.
- EEA
- BWYB
 - Kindergarten - October 1 146 people have RSVP'd so far. The start time will not change as of now.
- Restaurant Nights
 - 10-6 through 10-10 A Little Hi
 - 11-4 Raising Cane's
 - Pottery Hollow \$150, Ballwin Sno-cone \$110, Panera \$ 197.73
- Trunk or Treat - October 17
 - Sound system? Possibly renting a speaker and making sure wording shows that students should not be walking the lot before 6:30 and cars should not be driving until the lot has reopened at the end.
- Fall Class Party Update
 - Sign ups to go out soon. We will have four stations and students will rotate through while volunteers work the station for the entire grade level.
- Spring Fundraiser Update
 - There was a lot of talk on this event with a lot of people offering to help, but no one wanting to be in charge. Dr Ortyl has a card for a company that will run an entire trivia or rock n roll bingo for \$575 and a photo booth for \$125. It was decided to give the date of 4/18 to MHS AFJROTC this year and get our deposit back. But, we want to have a team ready for next year with a date set soon. Talk of breaking up the event to make it more manageable. Having a company to run it will take a lot of that work. The auction is the next biggest piece.
- Winterfest
 - Banners need laminated. But, they need cut into 18' sections. Mandy will bring to the next meeting and we will all help cut.

- Caring Community
 - Ms Ryan will tell Julie Millburg and Katie Jess whenever there is a need. This includes: births, weddings, retirements, deaths, surgery, or any such need. Julie and Katie will reach out and set up an option for dinner, an edible arrangement, or something else and have it delivered. Ms Ryan will make sure the staff member is okay with PSO knowing first. We will adjust the budget as needed since this one can not be planned for.

Ballwin PSO Board and Committee Members

Current PSO Board	2025-2026
Co- Presidents	Emily Manninger
Vice President	Heather Connell
Co - Secretaries	Ashley Force & Mandy Pelhank
Treasurer	Katie & Derek Jess
PSO Committees	
Spirit Wear	Meg Acelar
Restaurant Nights	Sarah Torretta Trout
Grade Level Shirts	Abby Mucklow
Boosterthon	Ashley Force, Heather Connell
Trunk or Treat	Jordan Renner, Melissa Melnick
Winterfest	Emily Manninger, Mandy Pelhank, Jordan Renner
Veterans Day	Ashley Force, Abby Mucklow
FEATS Families Enthusiastically Appreciating Teachers and Staff	Julie Millburg, Katie Jess, Nicole Lester
Carnival	Ashley Force, Heather Connell, Mandy Pelhank
EEA Educational Equity & Access	Leah Owczarczak
Family Events	Jen Roskowske, Emily Manninger, Jackie Williams
BWYB Breakfast With Your Bear	Jen Roskowske, Katie Soetart, Abby Mucklow
School Kits	Kristen Bracken
Class Parties	Ashley Force, Abby Mucklow, Heather Connell
Communications	Mandy Pelhank

We would love to have more help and see new faces as well as old ones. If you are looking to get more involved in our amazing school, please reach out at BallwinPSO@gmail.com

