Bluffton High School Meeting Minutes

Location:	Room 1120
Date:	November 5, 2026
Time:	5:00 PM

In attendance

Marti Golson (President), Beth Simpson (Secretary), Lisa Priester, Michelle Calendine, Kristen Rushing, Kristen Arroyo, Matt Hall (Principal)

Business since last meeting

October:

- PTO did not have any purchases or money requests in October
- Make Up Picture Day – October 13th – Beth Simpson, Marti Golson, and Jen Parrott volunteered
- 8th Grade Tours - Oct 27th
    - McCracken and Bluffton Middle came on the same day and was manageable
    - PTO Volunteers popped and gave out popcorn to the students
        - -Beth Simpson, Marti Golson, and Kristen Arroyo volunteered.
        - Mr. Kitty helped get the popcorn machine going early.
    - Recommendations for next year:
        - Head count of 8th students coming
        - Give 8th grade students a ticket at the door to turn in for the popcorn
            - Prevent students getting multiple cups so we will not run out of popcorn
        - Pop extra popcorn for BLHS student volunteers.

Upcoming Business

November:

- PTO Storage Closet- Rm 3015.
    - The key for the storage closet will be kept at the school and can be signed out when needed.
    - Mr. Hall will have the closet cleaned out by Dec. 11th
    - A second closet may be available. Mr. Hall will check with the math department to see if it is being used for math materials.
- Bobcat Cart
    - The Bobcat Cart will be up and running in January.
    - PTO is purchased a cart, Kristen Arroyo will make decals for the new cart
    - The PTO Amazon wish list has been updated requesting items for the cart. tinyurl.com/BLHSPTOAmazonlist
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- Teacher/Staff Holiday Breakfast
    - Chick-Fil-A – Dec. 11th in the mail room
        - Jen Parrott will pick up
    - PTO needs to supply plates, napkins, cups, coffee creamer
    - Need to reach out to Corner Perk for coffee donation

Teacher/Staff Donation Requests

PTO requires teachers and staff requesting funds, items, or volunteer needs, to email the PTO (blhs.pto@gmail.com) with a completed request form at least 1 week before the meeting and attend the PTO meeting to present their funding requests face-to-face.

- Best Buddies Requested by Jessica Phillips on 10/15/26
  - Requested 10 or more pumpkins by 10/20/26
  - Request amount - $70
    - Marti purchased 2 pumpkins and Food Lion donated 2.
    - The club ended up getting enough pumpkins donated
    - PTO did not have to purchase the pumpkins
- Teens for Healthy Youth requested by Laura Pirkey on 10/23/26
  - Connected event or project – Children's Abuse Prevention Agency (CAPA) Angle tree project.
  - Request about - $214.30
  - Requested items – Holiday stockings, mini deodorants, toothbrushes, mini mouth wash, dental floss, body sprays, mini lotions, sox, gum packets.
    - Marti was able to get all the item donated from her dentist and a local Bluffton Boutique who offered to provide the rest of the items
- Restring guitars 14 guitars Requested by Graham Dodson on 10/19/26
  - Requested amount - $443.09 (Quote from Hamner Music in Beaufort
  - Hamner Music will come to BLHS to service the instruments
  - We were able to get this funded by a community member

- We will not have a January Meeting, so any request needed in January and February need to be submitted by the December 3rd meeting

Treasure Report:

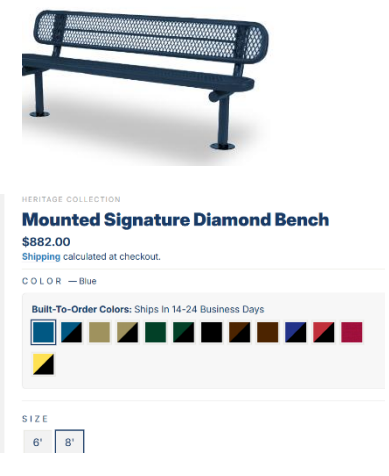
- The total bank balance as of the meeting morning was $12,625.27
  - PTO: $7810.57
  - Sunshine: $2401.82
  - ROAR: $2,412.88

Future events, board business or suggestions:

- PTO plans to send out a survey asking what projects or updates we could help with
  - Ideas – Repaint the Bobcat paws at the football stadium
  - Purchase a table or 2 benches outside the main entrance.
  - https://churchichrecreation.com/
  - Bench ideas







Update Bylaws

- This is a work in progress and will be completed by the PTO board and approved my membership when completed.

Meetings

- Every First Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in Room 1120 unless otherwise noted below:
- December 3rd, January- no meeting – Bobcat Cart, February 4th, March 4th, April 1st, May- Teacher Appreciation Week, Meeting will be later in month to discuss EOY Business.

Meeting Concluded at 5:50