

BES PTA Meeting Minutes
General Membership Meeting
Virtual meeting via Zoom
9/15/2020, 7PM

Prepared by: Katharine Gordon

Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions and explanation of meeting process

- a. Kara introduced herself as president (1 year), 2 children at BES
- b. Terri president-elect, will be president next year, 2 children at BES
- c. Shannon=zoom master--thank you!
- d. Meeting is being recorded tonight
- e. Broad goals of PTA for this year:
 - i. support and facilitate communication with families
 - ii. support teachers
 - iii. innovation with community service and fundraising
- f. Will not be able to adjourn meeting until able to meet in person (per MD PTA rules)

2. State of the School presentation by Principal Bradley

- MAP testing.
 - o being required by Maryland, in order to measure progress as well as loss. Dr. Zaks and Mrs. Seiler have been coordinating
 - o Second grade MAP testing started today
 - NWEA had MANY problems with administration
 - Rescheduling many tests due to technical problems
 - Happened at every school in the county
- Please note that someone in office between 9AM-2PM Mon-Fri
- Renovations
 - The (non-ADA) bathroom renovations are well underway
 - Replacement windows and gym floor and media center and ADA bathrooms are on hold for now--will be done next year
- Enrollment
 - Down to 400 students (from 461 at end of last year), and expect to go lower. Could lose a teacher if enrollment decreases further, but no information at this time.
 - Not allowed to have school sponsored "playdates" at this time. Remain cautious at private playdates.
 - Online school assembly for No Place for Hate TBS.
- BAR-T
 - Using a separate entrance from BES staff (at end of the yellow hallway). 13 students per room, with individual desks and chairs, 2 rooms being used at end of yellow hallway.
 - Working well so far.

3. New board members--voted in

- . Fundraising spot will be left open for now.
- a. Filled Secretary--Katharine Gordon
- b. Filled MCCPTA delegate--Renata Campante

.Setareh Ghandehari made motion to approve. Kristin Regen seconded. 94% voted yes, 6% abstained

4. 2020/2021 BES PTA Draft Budget--approved

. Budget philosophy for 2020/2021

.Only fundraise for things we can reasonably anticipate

- i. Need to remain flexible to support unprecedented needs
- ii. Surplus income every year that we have been trying to decrease for years
- iii. Inequalities in MoCo, with BES getting a large share of resources. Feel some responsibility to support those with less resources within the county

iv. Fundraising:

1. Predicting no auction, no fun run, no mayfair (will adjust in the Spring if changes)
2. Will ask parents to contribute to a fund if want to donate money this year

v. Increased expenses:

1. COVID discretionary relief fund to Grant category
2. COVID student and family support fund
3. COVID teacher and school support fund
4. Equity Fund for community support

vi. Planning to have an online variety show, and possibly drama club show

vii. Added expenses and decreased fundraising will cut down on current income surplus

1. Approximately **\$47,700** surplus on 9/15/20
2. Net income this year will be **-\$45,750**.
3. Projected surplus at the end of the year= **~\$2000**

a. PTA will be asking for room parents and treasurers to alleviate some of the burden on teachers

b. Fundraising through P4SS or through AtoZ? Not certain yet--reviewing agreements with the different companies to determine who

c. Kevin Kenney moved to approve budget, Laurie Blunt seconded. 100% approved the budget

5. **COVID Working Group update**

. 22 members, focus on maintaining social connections

a. Plan to partner with room parents

6. **Report from VP for Community Service (Mia Morrison)**

. First event this past weekend (great job!!)

. Kindworks partnered for musical instrument drive

i. Received 27 musical instruments in total, that will go to students in montgomery county that otherwise may not have the opportunity

ii. Thanks to the clubhouse for housing the drive, and thanks to everyone who donated!

7. **Other business**

. Join PTA at atozconnect.com

Due to MDPTA requirements, in-person gathering needed to officially pass motions and adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned on Sunday September 20 at 5:30PM with 13 members in attendance at BES field.

13 Attending voting members:

Ravina Claussen

Katharine Gordon

Renata Campante
Michelle Jaconi
Arden Edwards
Laurie Blunt
Christine Goh
Avery Roselle
Steven Solomon
Sarita Kaza
Vanessa Sax
Girish Tumbapuran
Kate Griffin
(Terri Payne--Non-voting)

Kate Griffin made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 budget, Arden Edwards seconded, and 100% approved.

Arden Edwards made a motion to approve the new board members, Avery Roselle seconded, and 100% approved.

Sarita Kaza made motion to adjourn, 100% approved.