

PTO NOVEMBER Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 15, 2024

Called to order at 9:37am

I. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

- a) Approved October Board Meeting Minutes (Approved: Danielle Dobecka, Second: Ji Terracina)

II. Principal's Update

- a) New receptionist has been hired, started this week. She is bilingual which is a huge plus for our Spanish speaking population.
- b) Holly in the front office is out, had an accident on the job. Lizzy sending meal train so we can help.
- c) Quarterly testing is underway for all students from now until the end of the semester.
- d) MAP testing is a nationwide reading assessment; Bush is 1 of 5 campuses piloting it for CISD.
- e) Final 2 scenarios for the rezone are 2.1 and 4.2.1- new campus will likely be a K6 campus.

III. President's Update

- a) Bucks for Bush incentives are scheduled; Movie Day: 11/22, PJ Day: 12/4, Crazy Hair Day: 12/5
 - i. Mascot Race location and date is TBD. Working out how much space is needed for that to take place with all students and parents in attendance.
 - 1. Possibly finding a local tv station to cover it
- b) Playground history- Confirmed that the playground was installed in 1998, 2 years after Bush was built. We still have no idea if the playground was paid for by the district or PTO. PTO made improvements in 2014 (\$32,670) and shade was added (via PTO) in 2015.
- c) In October we voted on the approval of Balance Beam addition to the playground to replace the non-working one there now. Cost from CISD Vendor is \$7,475, was approval from Exec Board.
 - i. New pass-through fee was added to original invoice that we voted on; new balance beam total, including all fees, is \$7,624. New vote was needed for approval of the increase. (Approval motion was made by Dawn Dellinger, Second by Danielle Dobecka)
 - ii. Recruitment mixer idea to help promote possible new board members for next year. Lots of the board are 4th grade moms so need new life into the board moving forward. Need to start having conversations to see all of the roles that will be leaving at the end of the year. (President, Secretary, Parliamentarian, VP Programs and VP Communication all leaving). Mixer date is TBD- but will be in early 2025.
 - iii. Need a survey to test pulse of current board members, willingness to return, happiness in current role, etc.
- d) Holiday Helpers needed. Jackie sent out link from Mrs. McGee to help families in our school that are in need this holiday season. Looking for volunteers to help clear that list.
- e) Clothing Drive-Nurse Cheryl is looking for BOTTOMS in all shapes and sizes. Pants, shorts, etc. All are needed in the clinic.
- f) Holiday Brunch will be at Jackie's- Dates we are looking at are Thursday 12/5, 12 or 19.

IV. Fundraising Update

- a) Over \$67,000 raised in 2024 Bucks for Bush Campaign! It was such a success!!!! Legacy Bricks was a big hit. We are proofing those this week, and will get them ordered in the next couple of weeks. Hoping to have those completed and out on the wall by early January. 52 bricks total were qualified for/bought for alumni.
 - i. 4th grade was the biggest winner for the fundraiser!!!! Go 4th GRADE!
- b) SPIRIT NIGHTS- Papa Johns 11/18-21, Learning Express 11/20, DECEMBER- IV Drip Bar 12/6 from 5-8pm. JANUARY- Crust- TBD
 - i. Made almost \$1000 in Cypress Academy Parent Night, definitely do another in the Spring.



- c) Spirit Wear- super limited inventory- trying to get rid of it now. If they order by Sunday night they can have it by Monday!

V. Programs Update

- a) Trunk or Treat- lots to learn from the event. We will always need more candy!!!! Kids loved the sensory bins provided. Need to cone off the parking lot so no outside parks there during the event. Kacie has a whole document of feedback for the next person that takes over this event next year!

VI. WATCHDOGS Update

- a) Taylor is working on an email blast that will be sent by Mrs. Thompson to all Bush families for all opportunities that the WATCHDOGS will have coming up. These are opportunities that are in addition to the daily sign ups. EX- help with generators for Jingle Bell Run.

VII. Services Update

- a) YEARBOOK: Flyers will go out in January with details on how to order, etc. Cover by Olivia has been submitted to the art department.
- b) SCHOOL SUPPLIES: EDUKit has been approved. WE will start working on that in February. Made the kit because of substantial savings. 23% discount negotiated with EDUKit. More competitive pricing on brand name products, Discounted prices, Customer service: Response and interactions with us has been positive, Portal system
- c) STAFF APPRECIATION: Looking for members to fill that team for next year. Found an additional sponsor that wants to cater lunch in the Spring.
- d) ENVIRONMENTAL/GARDENING: Front office decorating will take place next week. Pollinator stop was completed in the Kinder Garden. Planted some native flowers in the garden. Needing a good water hose for that garden. Lizzy to put in work order to see if those sprinklers back there are operational. Flagpole beds are next to be updated.
- e) TEACHER GRANTS: Spreadsheet going with all grade levels. Waiting to get Mrs. Thompson approval, just waiting for Mrs. Johnson to give her wish list.

VIII. Treasurer Update

- a) Budget updated through end of October; only a small portion of Bucks for Bush dollars reflected.
- b) New line item is “Merchant Fees” these will replace the PayPal fees we have paid in years past. These are fees associated with MTK. (3% and \$.30 for transactions). Lower than the PayPal fees.
- c) Spirit wear is over budget until they sell the remaining inventory.
- d) Yearbooks up by \$1600 due to rebate that was provided from last year’s sale.
- e) Net Revenue: \$34,668.10
- f) Cash on Hand: \$165,169.69
- g) Interest earned from our new CD \$180.74!

Meeting adjourned at 11:29

Attendees: Dawn Dellinger, Martha Ceron, Jackie Aker, Ji Terracina, Samantha Hoppe, Danielle Dobecka, Taylor Parmigiano, Kacie Janasch, Lizzy Thompson, Patricia Chavana, Sarah Zumwalt, Tiffany Bolton.

