



BES PTA General Meeting Minutes September 8, 2021

Meeting held via ZOOM.

67 participants. Attendance marked on separate attachment.

- I. Call to Order – Establish Quorum
- II. Procedures for Virtual Meeting
 - A. Recording of meeting
 - B. Chat Box for nominations and questions
 - C. Mute your microphone unless voting
- III. PTA Board Member Introductions – Shonda Harper, Co-President
 - A. Brooke Fortier, Co-President
 - B. Austin and Leah Fitch, Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer
 - C. Julie Horiuchi, Secretary
 - D. Kristin Barry, VP, Communications
 - E. Lucy Turnage, VP, Fundraising
 - F. Tom and Wendy La, VP, Operations
 - G. Ryan Blumel, VP, Programs
 - H. Emily Miles Hanson, VP, Special Events
- IV. Update on the State of BES and Leader In Me – Summer Rogers, Principal

Principal Rogers introduced herself and expressed her appreciation for such a high turnout – 67 participants. She remarked that it was the 10th day of school. Almost 900 students – 100 employees. Second year as Leader In Me School – only school in North Carolina.

Transportation efficiency is still being worked on – as more parents are signing up for bus service, BES should be assigned 12 buses. Carpool line is finishing earlier – was done by 4:11 yesterday. COVID protocol still being followed closely. Principal Rogers thanked the participants for their continued support.
- V. Review of Budget for 2021-22 – Austin Fitch, Treasurer

Budget was shared on screen. PTA is not-for-profit.

Big items on the receipt side of the budget: Capital Campaign, Fun Run, Corporate Sponsorship

Large expenses include: School enrichment, classroom funds, playground equipment, Leader in Me program, media and A/V upgrades, Parent Square App, professional development

Carry forward larger than expected = +\$60,000

Questions:

1. What determines the breakdown of school enrichment? – Each teacher received \$100 for back to school supplies
2. Is this similar to last year's budget – less was spent on classroom funds since teachers were remote. Media and A/V and Parent Square were additional new expenses this year.
3. Where does the rest of Leader In Me funds come from? – Principal Roger's funds
4. Once the vote takes place, is the budget final? Yes, if any additional changes are necessary, the board will bring it back to the PTA membership for an additional vote.

Our books are reviewed by an independent auditor.

VI. Voting for Budget by Roll Call – Julie Horiuchi, Secretary

Ms Turnage moved to approve the budget, seconded by Ms Fortier.

27 PTA members voted to approve the budget

VII. Future of the PTA – Shonda Harper, Brooke Fortier and Board Members

Ms Fortier noted that while this year is not fully back to normal, things are improving. We are approved to have some volunteers in the building helping but with some limitations. We are looking for creative ideas and would appreciate families coming from other schools sharing ideas from their old schools. Many new board members are working parents this year.

Ms Harper shared her initial concerns about having enough time to contribute to the PTA while working.

VIII. Question & Answer Session – Kristin Barry, VP Communications

Ms Barry shared the list of teachers that did not yet have room parents. Parents signed up to those classrooms.

One family asked how long it would take for the background check to come back. It gets faster each year – it must be renewed each year. Check your spam folder. Ms Barry will check if there is a number to call to check if you are approved.

Ms Harper adjourned the meeting at 7:27PM.