Minutes for BES PTO General Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 (9:30am)

In attendance:

Wendy Yatsenick, Sabrina Searles, Amber Williamson, Missy Mahon, Kristina Rinaldi, Lisa Perugini, Tara Lanese, Rebecca Sambrook, Heather Abrams.\

Called to order at 9:45am.

<u>Principal's Report:</u> Recent spike in Covid cases, most symptoms have been mild. Candidate coming this week to interview for café position. Volunteers are welcome back in school. Mrs. Y is here to support us with anything PTO related.

<u>President's Report:</u> BES t-shirts are in and ready for distribution. Student directories should be done in a couple of weeks. Sabrina suggests using Silvergraphics as art fundraiser this year instead of Square 1 Art (have had some negative feedback on Square 1 Art last couple years).

## September Events:

Hot Dog Roast (9/22 5:30-7pm): Cody placed order with Labonne's for 500 hot dogs, and use of grill. Frankie's will donate 500 hot dog sleeves. Mrs. Y has 2 officers for parking/safety, one stationed in front, one in back. Mrs. Y will do teacher sign up for HDR. Missy will do Costco run for chips, waters and any other supplies. Woodbury Baseball and Softball will donate condiments. Lisa and Tom will bring extra grill. Cooks for grill include- Tom H, Ed G, Stu Y.

Fall Book Fair (9/19-22): Books will be delivered the week before. Set up is Fri 9/16 immediately after school. Sabrina is compiling volunteer list and will send to Amber. Amber and Sabrina will run book fair registers during HDR.

Mum Sale (9/22): Waiting to get confirmation from The Farm on delivery date and time, hopefully they can deliver that morning. Will need volunteers to help unload truck. Lisa and maybe Cody will run mum registers.

## October Events:

BES Open House (10/13 6-7:15pm): PTO will set up table inside front entrance to give info and recruit volunteers as parents come in. Kristina can man table, Missy and Sabrina can also be there for first half.

Pumpkin Patch & Halloween Parade (10/28): Missy is chairperson for Pumkin Patch, she reached out to March Farm about pumpkins and apples. We will need 300 of each. Pumpkins will be set up on hill again. Halloween Parade tent scheduled to be at 9:30am, if so, classes can start coming to Pumkin Patch at 10:00. Mrs. Y will handle Parade details.

## Other Business:

Art Fundraiser: All in agreement to try Silvergraphics. Mrs. Andes (art teacher) also recommends using them. Sabrina will set it up.

Spirit Wear: Will set up through Team Image (they do BES t-shirts) and maybe try for online and paper sale. During fall?? Tara L suggests adding something, possibly a t-shirt option, to help raise autism awareness.

Clothing Drive: Should we do it again this year? Did not make a huge profit last year. Maybe with better advertising and longer collection period we can do better? Mrs. Y says its ok to put bin in front again.

Sabrina will look into bringing back some assemblies we have done in past years. Mrs. Y will put her in touch with Casey McCormick to try and coordinate.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Due to unused funds in recent years (Covid related cancelations) we have extra money and need to spend down a bit. T-shirts went over budget.

<u>Open Discussion:</u> Tara would like to do a "Costume Shop" at BES, where people buy used Halloween costumes for \$5. PTO will ask for costume donations for this. Donations bins will be set up at school, maybe during parent pick-up, and at Open House. Everyone agreed to a date of 10/18 from 3:30-6:30. Will take place in the café.

Meeting Adjourned.

**Next Meeting Dates:** 

Executive Board Meeting (via zoom) 10/4 at 6:00pm

General PTO Meeting (BES café) 10/19 at 6:00 pm.