

PTA Meeting Minutes

Bridle Ridge Elem PTA

Meeting Date: 9/3/19

Meeting Time/Place: 6:30PM/ BRE Library

In Attendance

Amy Greig, John Steinkuehler, Gina Garrison, Emily Pfaff, Peggy Jones, Roy Johnson, Connie Randol, Leslie Browning, Kristen Beerbaur, Cathy Scarborough, Amy Kille, Missy Mattingly

Agenda Items

- A. Budget was reviewed, discussed and approved.
- Income for August was \$2,450.00 (membership sales, spirit wear sales).
 - Expenses were \$1,093.50 (purchase of spirit wear, field trip deposit, provision of teacher meals on Meet the Teacher Night)
- B. Volunteers and family participation in PTA was discussed.

Barriers identified were:

- parents having smaller kids to care for and not being able to bring them to school events
- working parents
- lack of interest
- lack of awareness regarding what PTA provides/does
- fear of over-commitment

Ideas for promoting volunteerism were:

- providing incentives/rewards (extra recess, treats, etc) to students whose families participate in events such as restaurant nights and/or volunteer at events.
- having a token jar or graph for kids to fill in when their families participate
- providing assistance for background check costs in the case of a hardship
- fostering competition between classes for the most volunteers.
- educating parents/families about what PTA does
- encouraging parents to find their fit with PTA and help in a small way if they can
- good communication of events including stickers for kids to wear on the day of events (Connie Randol offered to get some price quotes on those)
- provision of more signage at drop off

- C. Need for Volunteers to make events run smoothly
- chairperson positions are open
 - If managing an entire committee is too much we could use help with just ONE event (such as Art Show, APEX Run, Santa Shop, Restaurant Nights)
 - Connie Randol offered to help with Santa shop tear down. John Steinkuehler offered to help with Santa shop set up

-All the activities for the year are planned and just need to be executed with some details ironed out

- D. Field Trip funding was discussed
 - how much is allocated to each class
 - how do divide up available funds
 - providing that information to teachers so they can plan their field trips ASAP
 - finding out how to determine a cost of a field trip including transportation cost so teachers can plan accordingly
- E. School directory google form was developed and link was sent out
- F. Thank you note was given to custodians who organized the PTA closet! Thank you!
- G. NWEA assessment is coming up- Teachers use those scores as a benchmark to help support kids who need extra help in reading/math and to ensure their success at school
- H. Two teachers present offered their teens as babysitters to overcome the childcare barrier to attendance at the next PTA meeting

Committee Reports

Class Parties/Room Parents-- needs a chairperson

-requests for room parents will be going out

Communications-- Cathy Scarborough volunteered to be chair

Box Tops-- John Steinkeuhler volunteered to be chair

Family Nights-- needs a chairperson

-movie night is coming up this week, we will have popcorn, and put out a donation box, and information regarding what PTA does and how to get involved

Hospitality-- Amy Riley volunteered to be chair

-August bday treats were delivered

Fundraising- needs a chairperson

Robotics-- John Steinkuehler volunteered to be chair

Next Meeting

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Oct 1 at 6:30 in the BRE Library