

August 20, 2018, 6:00 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Kela Rosario at 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Executive Board Members

- Kela Rosario, President
- Linwood Hudson, Vice President
- Robin Sanborn, Treasurer
- Elizabeth Shouse, Secretary

Committee Members

- Kristy Hudson, Fundraising Committee

Special Guests

- Amanda Weidner, BMS Principal

PTO Members

- Chris Bonadeo
- Yancey Crawford
- Maria Ferreira
- Myra Garza
- Lisa Highfield
- Jennifer Kennelly

- Heather Lawrence
- Sarah Ovink
- Sara Perks
- Michelle Raub
- Stephanie Shortt
- Cori Sterk
- Doug Sterk
- Eagle Wang

Board

The Board: Kela Rosario, Linwood Hudson, and Robin Sanborn were introduced. Elizabeth Shouse was not yet present. Guest speaker Mrs., Weidner was introduced as BMS Principal and as the Guest Speaker.

Guest Speaker

Mrs. Weidner presented on the structure of the day, attendance, organization, engagement, homework & assignments, Securly, student behavior, parent resources, and the upcoming curriculum night.

Approval of Minutes

Elizabeth Shouse was introduced. Minutes from the last meeting were provided for review. There were no questions. Kela made a motion to approve the minutes and Robin seconded followed by the majority. All present were in favor of approving the minutes.

Fundraising Committee

- There are multiple upcoming fundraisers at local restaurants to include PK's, Panda Express, and Chipotle.
- There will be a Belk fundraiser this fall. Details will be provided at a later date.
- There are raffle tickets available for a new car sponsored by Shelor. Tickets are \$1.00 each and 100% of proceeds go to the PTO. The drawing will be held at a Virginia Tech Basketball game at an undecided date in December or January.
- Kroger Community Rewards must be renewed each year.
- Remember to save Box tops.
- Last year's large fundraiser was for the Video Studio, this year the focus will be on the Teacher Wish List
- VOLUNTEERS are welcomed and appreciated

Budget

The budget for the current school year was provided by Robin Sanborn, Treasurer of the PTO. The budget was reviewed by the board and attending PTO members. Kela reviewed items within the budget to provide an explanation of their purpose. Specific questions regarding Brain Pop, Newsela, and student involvement in fundraising were answered

by the board. Linwood Hudson made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 PTO budget and Kela Rosario seconded the motion followed by the majority. All in attendance were in favor of approving the budget as presented.

Activities Committee

Kela Rosario presented details on the upcoming 6th Grade Fun Night which will occur in September at an undecided date.

Website and Social Media

Linwood Hudson discussed the different platforms in which the PTO can be reached including Twitter and Facebook. There will be a listing of events and sign ups for parent volunteers available on both platforms.

Bylaw Review & Approval

Kela Rosario proposed the following changes to the PTO Bylaws:

- Including the date of the most recent review in the title section on page I.
- In Article III – Officers, Section 5: Duties, Executive Board, including the requirement to reset all passwords annually.
- In Article III – Officers, Section 5: Duties, President, changing the word “all” to “any” regarding retaining “any” official records of the PTO.
- In Article III – Officers, Section 5: Duties, Recording Secretary, including the requirement to post approved minutes to the shared Google Drive for record keeping purposes and removing the requirement to hold historical records for the PTO as there are no official historical records.
- In Article III – Officers, Section 5: Duties, Treasurer, adding the ability to hold all financial records electronically
- In Article V – Financial Policies, Section 2: Banking, adding the ability to hold funds in a savings account in the name of Blacksburg Middle School PTO
- In Article V – Financial Policies, Section 3: Reporting, removing the ability to use a manual-based accounting system so that all accounting is to be computer based moving forward.
- Removal of Article IX – Committee Guidelines because this is not a standard item to have in bylaws.

A PTO member in attendance moved to accept the updated bylaws and Kela Rosario seconded the motion, followed by the majority. All in attendance were in favor of approving the updated bylaws.

New Business

- Kela Rosario discussed the details of the Teacher Appreciation Project which is a year-long project intended to provide gift baskets to teachers at staff meetings. Businesses participating include Frank’s Cinebowl, Frosty Parrot, In Balance Yoga, Real Life Dentistry, Sara Yun Massage, and Mill Mountain Coffee.
 - A PTO member in attendance asked if parents could buy gift cards for teachers or donate gift cards in their possession that they do not need. All in attendance agreed that this was a good suggestion. Kela Rosario indicated that the PTO would work on a way to get information out to parents on how to donate gift cards.
- Kela Rosario discussed line items on the 2018-2019 budget that relate to new initiatives and new business as well as ongoing support projects including Hospitality, School Project – Bruin Time, Teacher Wish List, Principal’s Discretionary Fund, Staff Appreciation, and Eight Grade Dance.
- Mrs. Weidner discussed an idea to raise funds by selling Blacksburg Middle School t-shirts which several parents and students have already expressed interest in buying.

Next Meeting

- Kela Rosario proposed having the next meeting during the day, around 1:30 p.m., on September 17, 2018. Not everyone in attendance was in favor of a day time meeting. The time of the next meeting was not decided and will be determined and announced at a later date.
- Guest Speakers at upcoming meetings include School Resource Officer Mark Haynie, BMS Guidance Counselors, and BMS Media Specialist.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 p.m.