

November 19, 2019, 6:00 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Linwood Hudson @ 6:05pm

In Attendance

Executive Board Members

- Linwood Hudson, President
- Nichole Marsden, Vice President
- Robin Sanborn, Treasurer

Guests

- Amanda Weidner, BMS Principal
- Karen Jones, Teacher Rep

Members

- 4 BMS parents

Review of October Minutes

Linwood Hudson, President, circulated a copy of our October minutes for review. Ms. Weidner requested we correct the spelling of Dr. Passek's name (teacher report). Robin moved to accept minutes, Ms. Weidner second-ed the motion, motion approved and minutes were accepted.

Treasurer Report

Robin reviewed the financial statement from the prior month. Wish list donations continue to come in (details to be discussed under PTO business). The budget overall is strong, with the PTO nearly meeting its full year fundraising goals already. BoxTops have been mailed in, and a check for \$175 should arrive in the coming months. T-shirt sales were just over \$800, however there is little profit built into that cost so most of those funds will be passed through to vendor. Ms. Weider asked if the PTO carried a budget for our Resource Officer. Robin replied that the line item was removed due to lack of requests, but the funds still exist in PTO Discretionary should there be a funding request.

Principal Update

Ms. Weidner provided an update on general school news, including:

- 2nd 9 weeks is now ½ complete. Semester will end just before Winter Break.
- Drama Program presented "The Right Idea" over the weekend, a play written and performed by BMS students.
- Our Symphonic Band will perform at The Homestead over the weekend, one of only a few bands in the state invited to do so.
- Winter sports underway. Basketball in full swing and Wrestling is going well, with more matches held at BMS thanks to a donation that funded additional mats.
- MAPS testing will be the week of Dec 9th (LA on Monday, Reading on Wednesday and Math on Friday)
- Thanksgiving break begins on Tuesday, which is an early release

Teacher Update

Karen Jones provided an update from the staff, including:

- Holiday Basket donations underway, wrapping up this week. Staff will make a request of PTO this week to purchase remaining items (\$200 budget held for this). All baskets (45) will be given to BMS families, valued at \$70 each.
- Teachers continue to use BrainPop. This year's invoice should come in early 2020, budget already assigned for this.

PTO Business

-Linwood attended the PTO President's meeting on Monday, and presented our Wish List program as a major initiative. Dr Mear noted that several of our items may be covered under MCPS budget, thus would not need parent funding. Our list was reviewed in detail, and Ms. Weidner asked that several items be held for funding for now, until she can gain

more information on MCPS funding eligibility. (Scholastics News, Graphic Novels, iPads, Sheet Music, one of the Cameras)

-The group then reviewed the remaining items on the Wish List. A request from Girls Basketball for team apparel was added to the wish list, in the amount of \$690. The group decided to move ahead with funding all of the items not held aside by Ms. Weidner, using the parent donations to date plus the PTO budget allocated to Wish List. The total for all items was \$6094.15 (see attached list for detail of approved items). Robin motion-ed to approve, Nichole seconded the motion and it was approved. Following that approval, the group added \$900 to the request to purchase the playground balls, which will be used in addition to a collection parent donated balls, which were offered to the school during the discussion. The newly approved spend was \$6994.15 (Robin motioned to approve, Jennifer Jones seconded, vote to approve).

-Linwood reviewed the PTO's calendar of events for the remainder of the year. A restaurant night for December is needed. There will be a staff event in December, but details are to-be-confirmed.

-Our November Restaurant Fundraiser is this Thursday (November 21) at Jersey Mikes, all day.

-Ms. Weidner brought a funding request to the group from the school's resource officer, Officer Haynie. Over the coming weeks, he will be putting a list together of BMS families/children that may not have holiday gifts and would like to purchase/have purchased gifts for these children. The group agreed that this is something we would support, and Ms. Weidner and Officer Haynie will work together to get a more specific list to the PTO for review.

-There is a staff meeting on November 20th, which Linwood will attend. Next Staff meeting is December 18th.

-Ms. Weidner thanked the group for the funding of the wish list items and noted that she would communicate to staff to contact the PTO for specific purchase details so that these can be completed as soon as possible.

-The group would like to discuss a fundraising opportunity with Ms. Weidner that a parent has brought to the board, but this will be tabled until our next meeting due to time.

-There will not be a PTO meeting in December. Next meeting will be in January.

Meeting adjourned.