

Edward J. Bosti  
February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, PTA meeting minutes

1. **Welcome**

- Diana Armandi (President) welcomed the membership and called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. There were 12 members logged on. Mrs. Kimball was in attendance as well as the executive board members Diana Armandi (President), Danielle Psarreas (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President), Christina Yazbek (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), and Ashley Robinson (Secretary).

2. **Secretary's Report (Ashley Robinson)**

- Ashley took attendance. There are 12 members currently logged on, achieving our quorum of 10 or more members. She reviewed the voting procedures ***(Please put microphones on mute and utilize the chat feature to vote)***
- Introduced the minutes from the last meeting which were emailed along with the budget and tonight's agenda by Mrs. Kimball. Ashley asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were none. Asked for a motion and a second to vote on the minutes. Christina Yazbek motioned 1<sup>st</sup>, Colleen Malia motion 2<sup>nd</sup>. We voted and the minutes were approved as distributed. (8ayes, 0 noes)
- Reminded membership of the means of communication:  
**Facebook-** Bosti Pta group  
**Email-** [Bostipta@gmail.com](mailto:Bostipta@gmail.com)  
**Website-** Bostipta.org  
**Remind app-** Text @Bostipta to number 81010  
**Venmo-** @Bostipta ***(Please include your child's first and last name, Grade, teachers name, and a note of what you're paying for in the memo section)***
- Ashley spoke about the PTA's ongoing fundraiser.  
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3. **President's Report (Diana Armandi)**

- Diana spoke about the open Treasurer's position. If there is anyone interested, please reach out to the PTA.

4. **Treasurer's Report (presented by Diana Armandi)**

- We currently have \$11,268.06 in our account.
- For revenue, we received the cookie dough fundraiser rebate check for \$38.41 for booking early for next year's fundraiser. We also have around \$900 for the

Superbowl Savers fundraiser that Kelly is chairing. We also collected \$40 from the new members who joined the PTA.

- As far as expenses, the PTA spent \$1000.00 for the virtual trivia night, including the prizes. We paid \$800 on gifts for the someone special surprise that the PTA has planned in replacement to the someone special dance that has been canceled, and we also paid our National PTA dues of \$17.
- Diana asked the membership if there were any questions on the treasurer's report. There were none.
- Christina spoke about the 3rd-grade assembly "Taste of Australia" on January 21<sup>st</sup>. The children were exposed to the Australian culture. The children created a dot painting on a boomerang that they got to keep; everyone seemed to enjoy the presentation. On January 25<sup>th</sup>, we had "Storytelling through Origami" for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders, which was a huge hit. After listening to a story and creating an origami piece, many of the students were inspired to create works of their own, and a few students were trying to start an origami club. The instructor emailed us to express how happy they were with the way our students were so engaged with the program and how they would love to work with us again in the future.
- For upcoming assemblies, we have the CEED/Traveling Rainforest Museum scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. They will be doing a digital presentation and bringing in some artifacts and animals from the rainforest. We have the Seashore Safari coming for the 1st graders on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be a hands-on program that will involve marine animals such as sea stars, snails, horseshoe crabs, and hermit crabs. We are still working on presentations for pre-K and kindergarten.

5. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report (Danielle Psarreas)**

- Danielle spoke about the "Someone Special Dance" being canceled due to covid and being replaced by a "Someone Special Surprise" from the PTA. Each student will be receiving a goodie bag filled with "someone special" theme trinkets, and hopefully, something else can be scheduled down the line.
- We have the Hershey Park fundraiser coming up. The PTA will be selling discounted tickets to Hershey Park that can be used at your convenience.

6. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report (Christina Yazbek)**

- Kelly spoke about the Superbowl Savers fundraiser. All the boxes have been sold, and the numbers have been randomly selected. The PTA generated \$2000. Half of that (\$1000) stays with the PTA, and the rest gets divided up amongst the winners. Thank you to everyone who helped sell boxes and collect the money.
- We had Family fun night on Jan 21<sup>st</sup>. We had 40 families participate, and there were six winners. Each winner won a \$25 gift certificate for La Supreme pizza, and the 1st place winner got an additional \$10 gift certificate to Cold Stone creamery. Congratulations to the winners.

- We have our spirit apparel sale with new merchandise and a new vendor. As of right now, there are about 500 pieces ordered, so we are off to an excellent start! The sale is ongoing until February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- We have the St Patrick's Day Cooler of Cheer coming up on February 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be raffling a fun cooler filled with "grown-up" St Patrick's day prizes. There will not be a flyer going out for this fundraiser. This will be strictly word of mouth, so keep your eyes peeled for the Facebook post.
- We have an adults-only craft night scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Hammer and Stain. There are two ways to participate, you can either pick out your project online and join us in the studio, or you can pick up your project and take it home to complete there. Just be aware that there is a cap of 32 people in the studio, so this is a first come, first serve event.
- Christina reminded the membership that while shopping on Amazon to make sure that you are using Amazon Smiles so the PTA can receive a .5% donation. You may have to re-select your charity for those already signed up for Amazon Smile, so please check your account.
- PTA membership is ongoing. If you haven't already joined, please feel free to do so at any time. Our goal is 171 members, and we are currently at 151 members. With your membership dues, we can have extra circular activities such as family fun night, the 5<sup>th</sup>-grade circus, and the interactive assemblies that aren't part of the school curriculum. Please consider joining and consult our website [WWW.Bostipta.org](http://WWW.Bostipta.org) or send the enrollment form to the school if you would like to join; also, as a general reminder, **if you are chairing an event, you MUST be a paid member for the year.**

7. **Principal's Report (Mrs. Kimball)**

- Mrs. Kimball thanked the PTA for the cultural arts programs brought into the school. The children love them, and it has been wonderful to have live-in-person assemblies in the building again. Since they have been doing grade level, we have been able to accommodate everyone safely.  
*Mrs. Kimball: I just wanted to ask when the apparel sale is going live; the staff would like to order some things*  
*Diana Armandi: It wasn't live on Wednesday when the flyer went out but it went live on Thursday.*
- The flyer from Mr. McGuckin about DASA week went out today. DASA is dignity for all students act. The entire week is dedicated to speaking about the importance of understanding each other, being part of a community, supporting one another, and being inclusive to all. Part of DASA week is spirit wear throughout the week, and hopefully, everyone will get to participate because it is a lot of fun.

- Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> is not only Valentine's Day but is also the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. The kindergarteners will do a special 100 days of school project and have a parade around the building to show off their projects. We will be taking pictures and videos that will be uploaded to the district's website.
- We are allowing valentines for Valentine's Day this year; however, candy will not be allowed.
- Kindergarten and UPK registration are open for the 2022-2023 school year. It is an online registration, and the kindergarten screening will be done in May at the school.
- COVID-19 numbers are down at Bosti, and they are also down across the county. We hope things will start to normal, and some restrictions will be lifted.
- New quarantining guidelines were sent out, and every family should have received them. The length of quarantine has been reduced from 10 days to 5 days as long as students and staff are improving with no fever for 24 hours. The only difference is that if returning on the 6<sup>th</sup> day, a well-fitting mask must be worn consistently. Children who are unable to do this must quarantine for longer.

**Diana Armandi:** *The children no longer receive mask breaks, just water breaks. Is this correct?*

**Mrs. Kimball:** *These new guidelines do not allow for traditional mask breaks; however, the children to have lunch, snack, and water breaks whenever they like, along with outdoor recess.*

#### **8. The Report of Informative Committees.**

- We are still looking for someone to take on the Board of Education meetings and report the highlights. The meetings meet twice a month and can be attended in-person or virtually. Please reach out to any of the PTA board members if you are interested.
- The Board of Education meetings was held on 1/11 and 1/25. Unfortunately, no one was able to attend, so there is no new information to report.
- The Co-Council canceled their January meeting and never rescheduled, so there is nothing new to report. There was a meeting on 2/2. However, no one could attend, so no further information was reported about that meeting.
- Mrs. Kimball spoke about the SMBT meeting. During this meeting, Mrs. Kimball gave a COVID-19 update similar to the one given tonight. Mrs. Kimball also spoke about the projected budget given to Bosti for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$27,700. The school was asked to send an itemized list of supplies needed for the upcoming school year. The list was sent over to Robert Houser, the assistant super of finance. We are currently waiting for his approval and for it to be voted on. We also spoke about academics and how the majority of the students are making solid academic progress, as evidenced by their report cards.

So that everyone knows that Mrs. Kimball did read every single report card. Also, reading and math screenings/bench markings have been completed. Overall, Mrs. Kimball is delighted with the results; however, a few students do need more help, and they are receiving extra help in the morning or RTI from the reading and math specialists or special ED teachers. The instructional support team meets every week to discuss the progress of students who need this extra help. The next SBMT meeting is scheduled for 2/16 at 8:30am. This meeting will be held virtually.

**Diana Armandi:** *Someone had a question in the chat. Do we get a copy of the winter benchmark?*

**Mrs. Kimball:** *If anyone would like a copy, send a request to me, and I will get it to them.*

9. **Old Business**

- There was none

10. **New Business**

- We just got the approval to host an all-day fundraiser with Island Empanada. On Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 11 am – 9 pm, bring in or mention our flyer with your order, and Island Empanada will donate 10% of the sales for the day.

**Question:** The fundraiser that moved to March. Is there a new sign-up deadline?

Answer: Yes, the Urban Air fundraiser has been moved to March 31<sup>st</sup> and the deadline to sign-up has been moved to March 18<sup>th</sup>.

11. **Announcements**

- Spirit Apparel Sale started and is going through until 2/23
- Someone Special Surprise is being delivered on 2/11
- PJ day is 2/15
- St Patrick's Day Cooler of Cheer starts on 2/27
- Hershey Park Sale begins 2/28
- Island Empanada fundraiser is also on 2/28
- Bookfair is 3/9 and 3/10
- Craft night is 3/10
- DASA is the week of 2/14

**The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm with 17 members signed on**

**The next virtual PTA meeting is on March 7th at 7 pm.**