

Edward J. Bosti
January 10th, 2022, PTA meeting minutes

1. **Welcome**

- Diana Armandi (President) welcomed the membership and called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. There were 16 members logged on. Mrs. Kimball was in attendance as well as the executive board members: Diana Armandi (President), Danielle Psarreas (1st Vice President), Christina Yazbek (2nd Vice president), and Ashley Robinson (Secretary).

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

- Ashley took attendance. There are 16 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 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. Ashley then asked for a motion and a second motion to approve the minutes. Christina Yazbek motioned 1st, Diana Armandi motion 2nd. Minutes approved as distributed.

- Reminded membership of the means of communication:

Facebook- Bosti Pta

Email- 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 \$11,068.60 in our account.
- We have received the check from the cookie dough fundraiser for \$690.35. We are currently waiting on a rebate check for booking next year's event in advance.

- As far as expenses, the PTA for the cultural arts program for \$5214.69. That includes Vanderbilt's mummy presentation, the circus, and the Jester Jim assembly. We also paid out state membership dues for \$157.
 - The PTA bought full-sized, individually wrapped pretzels and assorted mustards for the entire staff to show our appreciation in December (\$118). The pretzels for the staff were very well received. The PTA received so many thank you cards.
 - Diana asked if there were any questions on the treasures report. There were none.
 - Diana spoke about the holiday pack, which involved having 2 Santa's and 2 helpers hand gifts to each class consisting of indoor recess activities. Thank you to our volunteers who helped deliver the gifts: Mike Dunne, Christina Yazbek, Justin & Mike Armandi who jumped in last minute because the other Santa fell through. The PTA received a lot of thank you cards for the gifts.
 - We had our gift of reading, where each student got to pick out a book to keep before the holidays. Thank you to our volunteers for helping to organize this event: Dorothy Roventini, Audra Malone & Jeanine Randazzo.
 - The Urban Air fundraiser was postponed to Thursday, March 31st, 2022. It will be held at the same time, and the due date for the payment slips has also been extended. They are now due by March 18th.
 - Christina spoke about how Jester Jim performed on January 6th, for pre-k through 3rd grade, and the kids loved him! The 3rd-grade classes will participate in "Taste of Australia" on January 21st. The program will introduce the students to Australian culture. Coming up on January 25th, the 4th graders will be participating in an origami storytelling program. Lastly, the cultural arts committee is currently working on more assemblies for pre-k through 2nd.
 - Diana spoke about the 5th-grade circus. The PTA received numerous "Thank you" cards from the students and some of them were really creative!
5. **1st Vice President's Report (Danielle Psarreas)**
- Danielle announced that unfortunately, the "someone special" dance has to be canceled this year due to the rise in COVID numbers and the fact this is an indoor event. We are currently coming up with ideas on how we can celebrate instead of the dance.
6. **2nd Vice President's Report (Christina Yazbek)**
- Joanne Jonason spoke about the holiday fair, which took place on the 13th and 14th. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at this event. The kids had a great time picking out gifts for family members and friends! We are looking into using a different vendor for next year. The holiday fair raised a total of \$464.32.
 - We have the Super Bowl savers that started on January 3rd. Kelly Brett posted about it on the PTA Facebook page. There are a few boxes available at \$20 a box.

If anyone is interested, please reach out to Kelly. Also, there will not be a flyer going out to the students regarding the event.

- Family Fun Night will be on January 21st. It will be a virtual trivia night, and advanced registration is required for this free event. Each family will be considered a team, and the six teams who score the highest will receive prizes. Directions on how to play will be on the flyer sent out to the students.
- There will be another spirit apparel sale starting on February 7th. We have a new vendor with some new merchandise this time around. Some vinyl for the boys and bling for the girls!
- Please remember to use Amazon Smiles when shopping on Amazon. We want to thank everyone who participated in the ongoing fundraiser. We have received an email that Amazon will be sending our profit of \$90.50 soon. Shop smile.amazon.com. See www.bostipta.org for directions on how to do so.
- PTA membership is ongoing. If you haven't already joined, please feel free to do so at any time. Our goal is 181 members, and we are currently at 151 members. We now have 100% staff enrollment! Please consult our website WWW.Bostipta.org or send the enrollment form to the school if you would like to join. **A general reminder, if you are chairing an event, you MUST be a paid member for the year.**

7. Principal's Report (Mrs. Kimball)

- As everyone knows, we are experiencing a rise in COVID numbers across the country and in Bosti. We are currently at our highest total of cases. The district has hired an additional virtual teacher to help with the demands, so we have three virtual teachers servicing the children kindergarten through 5th grade.
- The district has adopted Suffolk County's reduction of isolation and quarantine to five days. Those quarantined due to a positive COVID test or exposure must continue to quarantine for five days. As long as there are no symptoms, or the symptoms are improving with no fever for 72 hours, you may return to school. They must wear a mask consistently for the remaining five days. This does not apply to teachers who are vaccinated. If there are any questions, please contact Mrs. Kimball.

Question: *Do the five days only apply to those who are vaccinated?*

Mrs. Kimball: *The five days are for students and staff in kindergarten through 5th grade. It doesn't apply to Pre-school. They must remain quarantined for the entire ten days.*

- Pajama day will be on January 25th.
- Report cards were posted to the parent portal on January 3rd. If anyone has trouble logging in, please go to the district website for directions. You will need your child's ID number. If you do not have your child's ID number, you can get it from their teacher or the front office.

- Friday was the first virtual day of the school year, and there were no real issues. Hopefully, we do not have to go virtual again.
- There will be a half-day on February 3rd for parent-teacher conferences.
- In regard to Valentine's Day, if the students wish to bring in something for their classmates, they are allowed to do so. The wellness policy does not permit candy or food.

Question: *What is the date of the 5th grade moving up ceremony?*

Mrs. Kimball. Unfortunately, I do not know that off the top of my head, but it is on the district calendar. Mrs. Lockhart posted in the comments that it is set for June 22nd.

8. Report of Informative Committees

- We are still looking for someone to take on the Board of Ed meetings. They usually meet 2x a month, and you can either go in person or listen virtual and report back the highlights of the conference. If anyone is interested, please reach out to us.
- The meeting on 12/14 started with Lee announcing to the Idle Hour 5th-grade parents that they will be keeping their 5th-grade teacher. Resulting in half of the parents leaving the meeting. Athletes were recognized for having a fantastic fall season in gymnastics, varsity soccer, girls swimming and diving, and boy soccer. The student government spoke about the holiday light show. The students serviced over 600 cars, and 100 of them paid it forward. The middle school fields were addressed regarding their water issue. The board voted and decided that the best solution would be to raise the fields. The work will be started over the summer. They discussed other projects such as the Ac's, boilers, and the pool that all need to be replaced. Solar panels have been approved for Sycamore & Bosti. The board is committing to more unified sports programs for the middle school, and they have committed to bowling for next year. Many parents spoke about the email sent out by Lynda Adams regarding no mask breaks. They are now being called water breaks. Parents asked if the district will be providing any options should there be a vaccine mandate. There was no response. Lynda Adams is trying to find out from the state if she could fine those parents allowing their children to wear mesh masks to school. The meeting ended with many parents asking Lee and Lynda Adams to step down from their positions.
- The Co-council canceled their meeting for December and January, so there is nothing new to report.
- SBMT meeting was canceled. The next virtual meeting is scheduled for January 26th at 8:30am.
- **Old Business**
- The state is currently reviewing the bylaws that were voted on at the last meeting.
- **New Business**

- There was none.

- **Announcements**
- Family Fun Night - 1/21
- PJ Day - 1/25
- Early Dismissal - 2/3
- Spirit Apparel sale - 2/7

The following virtual PTA meeting is on 2/7 at 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm with 21 members logged on.