

Edward J. Bosti
March 7th, 2022, PTA meeting minutes

1. Welcome

- Diana Armandi (President) welcomed the membership and called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. There were 11 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 11 members currently logged on, achieving our quorum of 10 or more members. ***(Please put microphones on mute and utilize the chat feature to vote)***
- The minutes from the last meeting were emailed along with the budget and tonight's agenda by Mrs. Kimball. Diana asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were none. Diana then asked for a motion and a second motion to approve the February minutes. Christina Yazbek motioned 1st, Mrs. Kimball motioned 2nd. Minutes approved as distributed (8 ayes, 0 nos).
- 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. also, please choose the 1-to-3-day option as there are no fees)***

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.
- Thanks to the local CVS and Stop & Shop for donating to the PTA. We were able to do a wellness bar for the teachers and staff that consisted of fresh fruit, herbal teas, and honey sticks. The Pta did receive a few thank you cards.

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

- We currently have \$9486.73 in our account.
- As far as revenue, the Super Bowl Savers brought in \$1998.76. So far, we have received \$180 from the Urban Air fundraiser and the rebate check from the holiday boutique of \$175.
- For expenses, the PTA paid \$1000 to our Superbowl savers winners. We spent \$700 on supplies for the St. Paddy's cooler of cheer, and we also had to order

some more copy/flyer paper costing \$230, which will be enough for the remainder of the school year. Diana asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's report. There was none. The report was filed.

- Colleen will be chairing the nominating committee consisting of 5 members (Colleen Malia, Theresa Smith, Dorothy Roventini, Amanda Courtney, and Kelly Brett). They will be sending out the nomination forms for next year's executive board. Please send the forms back by April 1st. They will present the slate at the April meeting and then we vote in May.
- We did the Island Empanada fundraiser last Monday. The owner said that business was steady all day, and we made \$2500 in sales giving the PTA \$250 in revenue. Thank you to everyone who promoted and participated in this fundraiser.
- Dorothy is chairing the book fair which is scheduled for March 9th and 10th. The evening book fair will take place on March 9th from 6 -7:30pm. We will also have two gift bag raffles and some poster raffles at the evening fair. There is no class schedule; to be safe, please send money in a marked envelope by March 9th if your child is participating.
- The Urban Air fundraiser is scheduled for March 31st from 5-8 pm. Please send in slips and payment by March 18th so we can give Urban Air a final headcount. When you check-in that night, you will receive a wristband that includes a slice of pizza, water, socks, a \$5 arcade card, and the FUN!!
- Teacher appreciation week is scheduled for the week of May 2nd. Diana and Janice will be asking for a committee for this event and will be asking for volunteers on Facebook.
- The Chipotle fundraiser has been approved for Tuesday, April 5th from 5-9 pm and the Bohemia location. There will be a code on the flyer that can be used for online orders, or you can bring in the actual flyer to the restaurant.
- We have committed to the CHS scholarships. Christina Yazbek reported that we committed to four scholarships. The scholarships will go to high school seniors that were former Bosti students. The scholarships are the Gail Dobert scholarship, the Robert Huffine scholarship, the Robert Smith scholarship, and the Barbara Lightstone scholarship. Each scholarship will be \$350. The committee members are already in place, and we should be receiving the student's essays by the end of March/Mid-April.
- Christina spoke about the Seashore Safari assembly on March 3rd for the 1st graders. They talked about the different marine animals and brought some in for the students to touch if they wanted to. The feedback was positive, and the kids liked interacting with the animals.

- There is an upcoming assembly for the 2nd graders scheduled for March 24th. The CEED/Traveling Rainforest Museum coming in will be a digital presentation, and they will also be bringing in some live artifacts and animals for the students.
 - Going Quackers from the Cornell Cooperative extension coming in for Pre-K and Kindergarten on April 8th. They will be doing a story and a craft with the students and bringing in ducks for the students to interact with.
 - We are looking to book one more virtual assembly for the entire school with the leftover money we have in the budget. We are looking into laugh a lot poetry, but that is to be continued.
5. **1st Vice President's Report (Danielle Psarreas)**
- Unfortunately, we were unable to hold the Someone Special Dance this year, but we did send all the students' home with a Someone Special Surprise instead that we hope the students liked.
 - The HERSHEY Park sale started on Feb 28th and will go on until March 11th. This is for discounted tickets to HERSHEY park that can be used anytime between April 2nd, 2022- January 1st, 2023.
6. **2nd Vice President's Report (Christina Yazbek)**
1. We had three winners during the Superbowl Savers. Susan LaBarba, Judy Nelson, and Heather Paglino, who won twice!
 2. The spirit sale has closed; we are waiting for our official numbers and a pickup date, so stay tuned. Thanks to Audra Malone for organizing this.
 3. The St. Paddy's Day Cooler of Cheer is still going on. The PTA is raffling a Yeti cooler filled with adult beverages for St. Patrick's Day. It is \$20 a raffle, and it will close on March 13th. This is a strict word of mouth fundraiser.
 4. We have craft night at Hammer and Stain in Sayville. Catherine Cortwright is chairing this. It is scheduled for March 10th at 6:30pm. You can either complete the project at the place or pick it up and take it home. This is an adults-only event, and it sounds like it will be a lot of fun.
 5. We have the Mother's Day 50/50 raffle coming up. The fundraiser is going to run from April 25th – to May 4th. The winner will be selected on May 5th, and they will receive a beautiful bouquet of flowers along with half the collection pot. This is also word of mouth, so there will be no flyers. Look for a post on our Facebook page.
 6. We are at 152 PTA members with a goal of 171. Your \$10 membership provides us with funding to continue holding all these great assemblies and events for our students. Also, elections are coming up for the next PTA board, and if you are not a member, your vote will not count, so it is a great time to join if you haven't already done so.
7. **Principal's Report (Mrs. Kimball)**

- They are building solar panel carports in the parking lot at Bosti. They were delayed due to a material issue regarding the steel. However, they are slated to be finished within the next month. The district is putting these panels at buildings across the district to alleviate electricity costs and the overall cost of running the facilities. They are already installed at Sycamore.
- Last summer, the library was redone at Bosti. This summer, Bosti does not have any major construction scheduled; however, there will be the abatement of 14 rooms before the ESY program starts or after the ESY program has been completed. For those who are unsure what ESY stands for, it means an extended school year program available to those in special education.
- The parents should be receiving information on the new capital bond that is being proposed. Bosti will be receiving a new boiler which will help the heating system. This is a significant expense. Bosti will also be receiving new ventilation systems. It is believed that John Allen will be available to address the PTA members at the April meeting to discuss the proposed capital bond in detail.
- March 2nd, Governor Hochul made mask-wearing optional for staff and students. It is so good to see all their smiles again.
- The new covid guidelines are as follows. Positive cases by either staff or student must isolate for five days. After the five days, as long as symptoms are improving and there has been no fever for 24 hours, you can return to school; however, you must continuously wear a well-fitting mask for the remaining five days. We are no longer quarantining close contact or exposure cases; however, if you have been exposed or are in close contact, it is expected that you wear a mask for five days and test yourself two times within those five days. The districts have made at-home covid test available to all families. If the nurse sends home a student for displaying covid symptoms, the student will be sent home with a test. They must either test themselves and can return with either a negative test or after five days of isolation. We are no longer doing contact tracing, so it is up to the individual to notify those who they have been in contact with if they should test positive. We are hopeful that the numbers remain low and the restrictions can further be reduced.
- Mrs. Kimball had asked for a new fence to be put up around the kindergarten playground for safety reasons. The special education director and the curriculum office came together and paid for the fence. It was put up over the February break. We have asked for one of the benches to be moved inside the gate, and they will be doing that as well.

- In regards to the older students' playground, they are waiting for the parts to fix the cargo net. It must be ordered from the same vendor. The kids do play on the playground, just not on the cargo net.

8. **Report of informative committees**

- The Board of Ed met on 2/8. They spoke about the survey that went out to all the parents. There was confusion regarding the unclear wording, and some felt that it should be a yes or no question instead of a scale. In the end, the survey was deemed inconclusive.
- OMBS is having a career day on 4/29 from 10 am-11:30am. They are looking for volunteers who would be willing to come in and speak about their careers, so if you are interested, please reach out to the OMBS guidance department.
- OBMS performed Peter Pan, and the students were excellent.
- The high school will be performing the Adams family this month.
- The public will vote on the school budget on 5/17.
- Parents and teachers spoke about masks. Someone asked for the school website to be updated. Another one asked for the cafeteria tables to be returned in the middle school.
- A special Board of ED meeting was held on 2/16 virtually, addressing the cafeteria situation for the middle and high school. They voted and now the children have the option at sitting at the long tables or a desk at lunchtime.
- There is nothing to report for this month's Co-Council report. The next one is scheduled for 4/26.
- The next SBMT meeting is scheduled for 3/23 at 8:30am virtually; there is no report for this month's SBMT meeting.

9. **Old Business**

- We did receive the newly approved By-laws that Mrs. Kimball has emailed to everyone. These By-laws are valid through 4/1/2025.
- Regarding our issues with the IRS that were brought up last May by Tara. We were receiving a bill for almost \$4000.00 in penalties and fees for late filing in the year 2016. Tara and Diana worked together with the IRS. An abatement letter, abatement form 843 & a copy of the bill was sent certified, registered, return receipt in June 2021. The green card was received back 6/14/2021 and we have been on hold this whole time. Finally, we received a letter dated 1/3/2022 saying our paperwork has been processed and the penalty and all interest has been removed. The end result is that the PTA no longer owes anything to the IRS.

10. **New Business**

- There is none

11. Announcements

- Spirit Apparel Pick up – TBD
- Book Fair – March 9 - 10th; Evening Fair March 9th from 6 – 7:30 pm
- Craft Night – March 10th at 6:30 pm at Hammer & Stain
- Drawing for St. Patty’s Day Cooler of Cheer – March 14th
- Early Dismissal – March 23rd
- PJ Day – March 29th
- Urban Air – March 31st from 5 – 8 pm
- Chipotle Fundraiser – April 5th from 5 – 9 pm

Ongoing fundraisers:

- 1.) Shop Smile.Amazon.com & choose Bosti as your charity, so a percentage of your sales goes to our PTA.
- 2.) Shop bostipta.shutterflystorefront.com using Google Chrome, and the PTA earns a percentage of your sales.

Next Virtual PTA Meeting – Monday, April 11th at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm with 11 members logged in.