



MINUTES

Lucy V. Barnsley Elementary PTA

Date | time 11/5/2019, 19:00 | *Meeting called to order by* Megan Pankiewicz
November 2019 meeting minutes

In Attendance

Megan Pankiewicz, Mike Kelly, Heather Case, Margaret Davis, Chris German, Cristina Mendoza, Andrew Winter, Jessica Goocharan, Linda Garner Shapiro, Jen Burns, Erin Whaley, Stacey Hagy, Cindy Lotto, Jennifer Hair, Dianna Fleischman, Kostya Dunaev, Julio Bernal, Pablo Blank, Priscilla Paez, Sumi Mehta, Amy Macdonald, Kenneth Macdonald, Chelsie Antilla Dotson, Jennifer Ambrose, HLA Phooone

Budget

The General Membership Treasurer's Report was distributed by Mike Kelly, PTA Treasurer, and reviewed by the board and PTA members. Spending is on track, started the year with an \$18,000 balance, on track to end the year with same amount. Discussions are being held to identify where larger ticket spending can be done to reduce balance by end of year. Proposals for spending will be brought forward in upcoming meetings. Spooktacular and Book Fair collections were successful.

MCCPTA

Pablo Blank, MCCPTA Representative, discussed the Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Associations (MCCPTA) updates. All members are welcome at MCCPTA meetings. Pablo encouraged parents to contact him, Sunil Dasgupta or Heather Minneman with questions about MCCPTA, attending meetings or how to get involved.

Principal's Report

Principal Andrew Winter presented his report.

New Business

Barnsley has been approved for a new electronic sign for the front of the school, installation timeline has not yet been determined.

Early release dates November 8th, 11th, 12th, and 27th. Parent teacher conferences will be held starting November 11th. Parent teacher conferences will be held starting November 11th, report cards will not be available at the conferences however. Report cards will be distributed 11/20/2019. 11/21/2019 is flyer distribution day.

November is Mental health awareness month, MCPS will be holding a mental health fair at Gaithersburg High School, on November 9th, 2019. Mental health will be discussed as part of Be Well 365 throughout the month.

MCPS boundary studies are currently going on, nothing is proposed for the Rockville cluster. Information regarding the boundary analysis can be found at

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/publicinfo/boundary-analysis/>.

2020-2021 school year calendar proposals are available, proposed calendars can be viewed online at <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/calendar/proposed-calendar-2020-21.aspx> . There is an online survey available until November 19th, 2019.

A former Barnsley student, as part of obtaining his Eagle Scout, will be painting a map on the playground that will include activities for the children.

Principal Winter is asking all families to support safe parking and driving during pickup and drop off. Please do not ask children to walk to cars in the car loop unless you are curbside, please do not go around cars in the loop, wait to exit in the line. Please follow posted parking signs. There has been an issue with cars parking illegally on Nadine Drive, which causes pedestrian and bus safety issues. An attendee made a suggestion of placing cones to prevent illegal parking on Nadine Dr.

Ms. Roop has been hired as Administrative Secretary.

Barnsley is again participating in the Thanksgiving Canned Food drive to feed families in need within our community. The following specific donations are requested: 16oz cans turkey gravy, 16oz cans cranberry sauce, 16oz cans green beans, 48oz jars of applesauce, 64oz apple juice, 40oz cans of sweet potatoes/yams, stuffing mix bags or boxes. Donations can be sent in with students until November 15th, 2019.

Committee Reports

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- Communications-
 - text messaging alerts for reminders about PTA meetings and special events will be trialed.
- Membership-
 - Margaret Davis, Membership Chair, reviewed use of the AtoZ directory, encouraged parents to sign up for the directory for notifications. Will have updates on membership numbers at the next meeting
- Cultural Arts-
 - Jen Burns, Cultural Arts Chair, discussed cultural arts events that have been scheduled the year. Barnsley will host Christylez Bacon: Human Beatbox on 12/6/2019, Anansegoro of Ghana on 2/21/2020, and Dino Rock: Mi Casa es Su Casa on 04/24/2020.
- Ways & Means-
 - Spiritwear store is active, if orders are placed online by November 20th, products will be distributed before winter break.
 - Buy nothing Campaign will start 11/12/2019 and run through 12/3/2019 (Giving Tuesday)
- Wellness Committee
 - Wellness committee is seeking volunteers, please contact Fania Yangarber or Megan Pankiewicz if you are interested.

Forum on Getting the Most Out of Parent Teacher Conferences

Ms. Shapiro and Ms. Goocharan shared Tips for Successful Parent-Teacher Conferences at Your Child's School: They encouraged parents to share information that will help to build relationships with educators, and to share information that may impact children at school. Please provide as much notice as possible if parents need to cancel or reschedule conference. 4th and 5th grade students are welcome to join all or part of the conference, and be part of the process. If concerns or questions arise throughout the school year, conferences can be scheduled at any time. If there is a need a second conference for a math teacher, it can be arranged, although it may not be during the same day or week. Language line or in person translators will be provided if needed. If parents have concerns, please bring examples or specific details. It may be helpful to notify the teacher of intention to add concerns to the agenda at the start of the meeting so they can ensure enough time is

allotted to discuss concerns. It would also be helpful to email the teacher ahead of time to notify teacher that you would like discuss a specific concern. Do not feel you have to wait for the conference to address concerns. Please notify teacher of any social or emotional concerns.

Next Meeting

12/03/2019, Lucy V. Barnsley Elementary School

Motion to adjourn was made at 20:13 by Chris German, motion seconded by Jennifer Ambrose and passed unanimously.