



# MINUTES

Lucy V. Barnsley Elementary PTA

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*Date | time* 10/01/2019, 19:00 | *Meeting called to order by* Megan Pankiewicz

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## In Attendance

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## Budget

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The General Membership Treasurer's Report was distributed by Mike Kelly, PTA Treasurer, and reviewed by the board and PTA members. An action item was put to the PTA members to submit preferences for an area in which they would like to see PTA funds to go. Areas could include, but are not limited to, student programming, school and family events, school beautification and teacher support.

## MCCPTA

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Fania Yangarber, PTA Vice President and MCCPTA Delegate, discussed the Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Associations (MCCPTA) updates.

- Discussed a MCCPTA proposal to recommend implementation of a new attendance policy that would allow all MCPS students 3 excused absences per year to participate in civil action. Delegates will be voting on whether to advance the recommendation to the MCPS board.
- Discussed a list of advocacy priorities for the 2019-2020 school year. The list will be provided for posting to the Barnsley PTA website.

## Advisory Committee- Wellness Committee

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Fania Yangarber, PTA Vice President, discussed organization of a Barnsley Wellness Committee and called for an invitation to join. Fania can be reached at [fanial.yangarber@gmail.com](mailto:fanial.yangarber@gmail.com) with interest or ideas.

An upcoming event in which children work with professional chefs to develop MCPS menu items was discussed. It will be held at Thomas Edison High School of Technology on 11/8/19, interested children were encouraged to participate. Email [fanial.yangarber@gmail.com](mailto:fanial.yangarber@gmail.com) for more information.

## Principal's Report

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Principal Andrew Winter presented his report.

### New Business

- Staff changes and updates: Ms. Dickerson left before start of school year; Ms. Liz Crickey was hired to fill the vacancy. Joanna Miller (Admin Secretary) left for a middle school position, the vacancy has not yet been filled.

- PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports): program has been updated this year to the ABC's: Act Safely, Be Respectful and Responsible, and Commit to Learning. Students can earn Bayer Bucks for positive behavior to put towards incremental rewards. Class rewards have remained the same
- School Improvement Plan (SIP): Mr. Winter discussed the SIP requirements and goals. A SIP draft has been submitted.

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## Committee Reports

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- Communications-
  - Julia Lee, Communications Chair, discussed updates to the Barnsley PTA website, encouraged families to like the Barnsley PTA Facebook page to enhance communication.
- Membership-
  - Participation in the PTA directory through AtoZ Connect was discussed by Margaret Davis, Membership Chair. Direct invitations will be sent to K, 1 and 2 grade families. Members proposed that invitations also be sent to the grade 4 Center and GTLD families as well.
- Ways & Means-
  - Roxie Hill, VP of Ways and Means discussed spiritwear. PTA will be moving to a new digital ordering system online, products will then be shipped to the school and distributed to families. This will allow for more product options. Requests were made from members for car magnets and coffee mugs. Online order dates will be hard deadlines, these dates will be communicated in the future.
  - The Buy Nothing Campaign was discussed, dates for the campaign are planned from 10/21/19 to 11/8/2019.
  - Restaurant Nights were discussed. Roxie Hill, VP of Ways & Means. Reported that the 2018-2019 school year Chuck-E-Cheese and Zava Zone fundraisers were successful, and suggests continuing community type fundraiser events again this year.

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## Announcements

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- Megan Pankiewicz encouraged members and guests to volunteer for PTA events via the sign-up genius, which will be posted to the PTA website. Requested volunteers for grade level liaison parents who help communicate teachers' needs with PTA; assist teachers with coordinating grade level events; communicate with parents of the grade level.
- Sara Williams, Spooktacular Chair, announced event will be held 10/26/19 6-8pm, and entrance fees will be \$5 per family. Call was made for event volunteers; a Sign-Up Genius will be posted.
- Meredith Calvarese, Yearbook Chair, requests photos for the 2019-2020 yearbook. Photos can be emailed to lvbesyearbook@gmail.com, for submitted online using the following instructions: Go to: <https://images.schoolannualonline.com/login> • If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 414553672 • Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload. • Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information. • Click "Upload Chosen Images".
- Potential options for cultural arts enrichment were proposed from Jen Burns, Cultural Arts Chair, members were asked to indicate via written note on a provided note card which acts they would prefer.
- Box Tops for Education program was discussed by Priscilla Paez-Bernal, Box Tops Coordinator. Forms for Box Top submissions will be going home with children from school. Discussed the digital option for submitting through the Box Tops for Education App. Account can be created through the app, grocery store receipts can be scanned within 14 days of purchase, and box tops will automatically be applied to the school of choice.

- Roxie Hill discussed the NAACP parent council, which meets monthly. Announced the event, Black and Brown Parent Forum for Educational Equity and Excellence in October 2019. Roxie stated she will send information on the event for posting to the PTA website.

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### Next Meeting

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11/05/2019, Lucy V. Barnsley Elementary School

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously.